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Deaths.

ASKEW.—February 27, 1902, at his residence, 255 Cleveland-street, Redfern, William Askew, aged 73 years, late of Victoria.

BAIKIE.—February 27, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Isabel, the dearly beloved wife of Alexander Baikie, late of Rockdale, aged 43 years. By request, no flowers.

DRUITT.—February 27, at the residence of her son-in-law, ... Bastwell, Belle Vue, Waverley, Charlotte Jane, widow of the late William Druitt, The Lodge, Waverley, in her 79th year.

PEMBLETON.—February 22, after operation, Sydney Hospital, Lucy, the eldest daughter of William and ... Pembleton, of Hamilton, and beloved niece of ... Sandquist and E. M. Lysaght, aged 9 years 5 months. Gone, our bright and beautiful darling.

PEMBLETON.—February 27, at Sydney Hospital, Lucy, the dear little friend of Gustave Sandquist. Beloved by all.

RYRIE.—At her residence, Coolringdon Station, near Cooma, Ellen Eliza, the widow of the late David Ryrie, of that station, after a long and painful illness, aged 60.

STANDEN.—February 26, 1902, at Sydney Hospital, Samuel Standen, late of Blackheath.

In Memoriam.

BROWN.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Amy Florence Brown, who died February 28, at Wyoe. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, T. and S. Williams.

BULMER.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Teresa Bulmer, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital, February 28, 1901. Inserted by her loving husband, Berwick Bulmer.

CASEY.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Annie Maria Casey, who died at her residence, Broughton-street, Concord, on February 28, 1899. Inserted by her loving husband and family.

CAULFIELD.—In loving remembrance of our darling son and nephew, Cris, who was accidentally killed on 28th February, 1900, aged 17 years and 5 months. Inserted by his loving parents and uncle.

CAULFIELD.—In loving remembrance of our darling brother, Cris, who was accidentally killed on 28th February, 1900, aged 17 years and 5 months.

Sudden was his death, the pain severe
That took our dear brother away from here.
God treated his pains; He did his best,
He took our brother home to rest.

Inserted by his loving brothers and sister, Jack, Peter, Alice.

CAULFIELD.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother and uncle, Christopher (Chris), who departed this life February 28, 1900. Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Lizzie and George, and nieces Vera and Katie Doyne.

CAULFIELD.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Chris, who departed this life from injuries accidentally received on February 28, 1900. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, James and Florence Caulfield.

CATTERALL.—In loving memory of our dear father, who departed this life February 28th, 1892. Inserted by his loving daughters, F., M., A., and L. Catterall.

GORDON.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, William Gordon, shipwright, who died from injuries accidentally received at Mort's Dock, February 28th, 1896, aged 66. Never forgotten. Inserted by his loving wife, also his son and daughter, Alex. and Maggie.

GORDON.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, William Gordon, shipwright, who died from injuries accidentally received at Mort's Dock, February 28th, 1896, aged 66 years. Thy will be done. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Kate Gordon.

GORDON.—In loving memory of our dear father, William Gordon, shipwright, who died from injuries accidentally received at Mort's Dock on February 28, 1896, aged 66 years. Beloved in life, regretted still, remembered in the years. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Mary Gordon.

GRIFFIN.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Rosina Griffin, who was killed while travelling by the Rose Bay tram on February 28, 1900. Inserted by her sorrowing husband and children.

MURRAY.—In loving memory of Elizabeth Murray, who died on February 28, 1898, at her residence, 257 Castlereagh-street, city. Inserted by her loving husband, James Murray, and children.

MURPHY.—In fond memory of my dear husband and our loving father, Patrick Murphy, who departed this life on 28th February, 1900. R.I.P. Inserted by E. Murphy and family.

[illegible].—In loving memory of our dear son, James, who was accidentally killed on February 28th, 1900.

He left his home in perfect health,
He fear that death was near,
He had no time to say farewell
To those he loved so dear.
No more upon this earth I'll see
His dear and loving face,
There is no one in this wide world
Can fill my dear son's place.

Inserted by his loving father and mother.

PAMMENT.—In loving memory of our dear brother, James, who was accidentally killed on February 28th, 1900. Inserted by his loving brothers and sisters, Mary, William, Stella, and Gertie. May his soul rest in peace.

ROBISON.—In loving memory of William Robison, who died at Highfield Hall, Granville, February 28, 1894.

SMITH.—In loving remembrance of my dearly beloved daughter and our loving sister, Isabella, who died February 28th, 1900, at ... Abercrombie-street, Redfern. Inserted by her loving mother, brother, and sisters, Mrs. ..., Mrs. Anson, and Mrs. Duncan. God be with you till we meet again.

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		1902.	1902.	1902.
Annam	Sollier	Mar. 17	March 20	Mar. 22
Polynesien	Coudier	April 14	April 17	April 19
V. de la Ciotat	Bruchi	May 12	May 15	May 17
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GUTHRIE	[illegible]	W. G. McArthur	5th April
EASTERN	[illegible]	Winthrop Ellis	3rd May
AIRLIE	[illegible]	John [illegible]	24th May
AUSTRALIAN	[illegible]	E. T. Helms	21st June

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			1902.
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*OCEANA	6603	C. Gadd	Mar. 19
+BRITANNIA	6525	F. H. Seymour	April 2
+AUSTRALIA	6901	F. J. Cole	April 16
ROME	5545	E. Street	May 3
HIMALAYA	6898	W. L. Broun, R.N.R.	May 17
CHINA	7912	T. S. Angus	May 31
ARCADIA	6603	F. C. A. Lyon, R.N.R.	June 14
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*BREMEN	11,600	R. Nierich	Mar. 1	Mar. 8
*BARBAROSSA	10,769	F. Mentz	Mar. 22	Mar. 29
*KONIGIN LUISE	10,566	O. Volger	Ap. 12	Ap. 19
WEIMAR	5,000	H. Formes	May 3	May 10
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ADELAIDE, WALLAROO, PORT PIRIE, PORT AUGUSTA	Gabo, Tuesday, March 18, 5 p.m.
ALBANY, FREMANTLE (transhipping for Geraldton)	Gabo, Tuesday, March 18, 5 p.m. No Transhipment.
BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, ROCKHAMPTON, GLADSTONE, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE	Leura, To-morrow, Saturday, 12 noon Buninyong, Tuesday, March 4, 5 p.m. Tyrian, Saturday, March 8, 12 noon Leura, To-morrow, Saturday, 12 noon Tyrian, Saturday, March 8, 12 noon
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+*OPHIR	6910	T. W. Kershaw	—	Mar. 4	Mar. 6
+*OMRAH	8291	J. F. Ruthven	Mar. 12	Mar. 18	Mar. 20
+*ORTONA	7945	E. E. Lovington	Mar. 26	April 1	April 3
+ORIZABA	6297	R. Archer	April 9	April 15	April 17
+OROYA	6297	R. Fletcher	April 23	April 29	May 1
ORMUZ	6387	F. S. Symons	May 10	May 13	May 15
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S.S. WAIKARE, WEDNESDAY, March 19, at noon.

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TASMANIA.

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BUNDABERG	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, noon, March 1
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ALBERT BORCHARD, Incorporated Accountant, Equitable-buildings, George-street.

Sydney, 27th February, 1902.

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NOTICE.

It is the intention of the Society to issue on or after 30th March, a SPECIAL POLICY in lieu of Policy No. 31971, on the life of HENRY JOSIAH BARTLETT, which is declared to have been lost.

Dated at Sydney this 28th February, 1902.

A. ROSS MILLER, Secretary.

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RETURN FARES (including Steamer Trip): First-class, 5s 6d; Second-class, 3s 6d.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer at reasonable rates.

EXCURSION TRIP TO HAWKESBURY,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER GENERAL GORDON,
SATURDAY, 1st MARCH.

TRAINS will leave Sydney at 9.10 a.m., and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m.

The River Trip will occupy five hours.

Seventy miles by Rail and 36 by Steamer.

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Refreshments can be obtained on board the Steamer at reasonable rates.

SPECIAL TRIP on WEDNESDAY NEXT, 5th March.

EXCURSION TO PARKESVALE.
SATURDAY, 1st MARCH.

THROUGH RETURN TICKETS to PARKESVALE (Train to Como, thence per Steamer to Parkesvale) will be issued by Train leaving Sydney at 2.10 p.m., available for return by Train leaving Como at 6.52 p.m.

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PASSENGER TRAIN ALTERATIONS.
NORTH COAST LINE.

Commencing on SATURDAY, 1st March, the Trains leaving HORNSBY for STRATHFIELD at 4.25 a.m., and leaving STRATHFIELD for HORNSBY at 5.41 a.m., will run on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS ONLY, instead of daily (Sundays excepted) as formerly.

By order of the Commissioners,
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

New South Wales Government Railways,
Office of the Railway Commissioners,
Sydney, 27th February, 1902.

TENDERS will be received at the Railway Commissioners' Office, Sydney, until 12 o'clock on MONDAY, the 17th MARCH, 1902, from persons willing to contract for the Supply and Delivery of 50 tons of Castiron Columns and 8 tons of Castiron Outlets.

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H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

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MR. HARRY RICKARDS'
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FIVE EVENTS. FIVE EVENTS.
FIRST EVENT 2.15.
Admission—Stand and Paddock, 6s.
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Special Trams and 'Buses as usual. Fare, 2d.

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The Palace Theatre, inspected by the Mayor and City Council to-day, was closely examined and pronounced to be extremely clean, the concrete floors making the harbouring of rats impossible. The Mayor at the conclusion of the inspection said the Theatre was a credit to the Proprietor, and added that if all the property owners took similar care in their buildings there would be no such thing as plague about the city.—(E. News, Feb. 27, 1902.)

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ALSO SATURDAY FOLLOWING, 8th MARCH.

1st EVENT, 2.5 p.m.
SPECIAL TRAINS DIRECT TO THE RACECOURSE PLATFORM
will leave Redfern Railway Station as under:

11 40 a.m.—Horse Train
12 20 p.m.—Mixed (stop at Strathfield)
12 50 p.m.—First-class
12.55 p.m.—Second-class (stop at Strathfield)
1 p.m.—First-class (stop at Strathfield)
1.8 p.m.—Mixed
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HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.
AFTERNOON PERFORMANCES.
THE BI-WEEKLY MATINEES
will be resumed
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, MARCH 1st, at 2 p.m.
Box plan at Nicholson's. Children Half-price.

J. A. DOBBIE, B.A., Tutor for University and Public Examinations. Tuition in General Subjects. Peel's Rooms, No. 5 Hunter-street.

Religious Announcements.

THE ZIONIST LEAGUE.—Public Meeting at Great Synagogue, Cas'reagh-st., Sunday, 2nd March, 8 p.m.

PRESBYTERY of Sydney will MEET in Chalmers Church, FRIDAY, 28 Feb., 1902, 8 p.m., to induct Rev. A. S. C. JAMES. Collection for the Presbytery Fund. G. MACINNES, Clerk.

METHODIST CONFERENCE, Centenary Hall, York-street.—TO-DAY: Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, at 9 a.m.; Committee of Procedure, at 9 a.m.; Representative Session, at 10 a.m.; Business, Questions, 1 to 4.

Auction Sales.

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses and Harness.
And at 11.30 a.m.,
Horses and Vehicles of every description.
Specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
CAMPERDOWN SALEYARDS.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m.
43 SUPERIOR FRESH COUNTRY HORSES 43.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above,
On account WESTERN AGENTS, Warren:
10 Well-bred Light Horses, possessing plenty of quality and substance, in splendid condition, broken and unbroken.
*** Included in the lot are a bay Pony Stallion, YOUNG DYNAMITE; bay Mare, by TATTOO; and three Yearlings, by Young Dynamite.
On account Mr. F. A. M'KENZIE, St. Marys:
20 Upstanding, Good-quality, Light Horses, all the right ages, principally broken, suitable for all kinds buggy, hackney, and general harness work.
*** Among the consignment are a PAIR OF BAY CARRIAGE HORSES, about 15.1 high, a splendid match, thoroughly quiet in harness; GREY GELDING, a grand hackney for lady or gent., up to 16 stone.
On account SOUTHERN AGENTS:
10 Strong Harness Horses and Hackneys, all thoroughly broken, a good useful lot.
On account Mr. W. ELLIS, Hawkesbury:
2 Active Van Horses, 5 yrs., and 1 useful Hackney, 5 yrs.

PONY SULKY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. Wilson to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Creamy Pony, quiet in harness, with Sulky and Harness to suit, making a useful turnout.

HOODED PHAETON LOT AND COB, &c.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Roan Mare, 6 yrs., fast trotter; hooded lady's Park Phaeton, and Harness; also 15-hand Cob, very stylish in saddle and harness; and Set of Harness.

SUP. HOODED B.S. SULKY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Hooded B.S. Sulky, mail patent axle, slide seat, and leather trimmings—a very superior article, in perfect order.

UPSTANDING HORSE AND QUEEN'S PHAETON.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Gelding, quiet to ride or drive; also hooded lady's Queen's Phaeton Buggy with leather trimmings, light and in good repair.

WAGGON LOT AND HOODED SULKY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Gelding, quiet and reliable; Gipsy Waggon and Harness; also high-class hooded B.S. Sulky, in splendid condition.

HARNESS HORSE, FROM BALLINA.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
An active bay Gelding, 16 hands, subject to any trial, suit a cab or van.

UPSTANDING HARNESS HORSE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Gelding, 16 hands, thoroughly broken to single and double harness, suit a cab or spring cart.

ACTIVE DRAUGHT HORSE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. M'Connell, Manly, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Medium draught bay Gelding, 5 yrs., staunch, good worker, and true, suit a tip dray or van.

ESTATE ALBERT ALFRED TRINDALL, late of Narrabri, Butcher.—In Bankruptcy.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Gelding, KC on one shoulder, CO on the other, quiet in harness, and was driven from Narrabri to Sydney.

"FAIRY" (PONY), BY UNCLE TOM.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. J. Magnus to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
"FAIRY," bay pony mare, 14.3, by Uncle Tom, broken to saddle and harness, in foal to Tuxedo.

20 HORSES. HORSES. 20.
CAMPERDOWN, THIS DAY, 28th FEBY., 1902, at 2.30 p.m.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., have received instructions to sell by auction as above,
Account Western Agents:
20 Head of very Useful Horses from Rylstone, mixed sorts and some of them very good.

The above horses were previously advertised for Wednesday, 26th, but in consequence of this date being set aside as a day of humiliation the Sale has been Postponed till Friday, 28th.

HIDES AND TALLOW.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30,
Tallow.
And at 1 o'clock,
Hides.

SALES by AUCTION will be held TO-DAY by the Australian Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., Pastoral Finance Assoc., Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—
SHEEPSKINS, 11 a.m.; HIDES, 1.30 p.m.

GEORGE H. Maxnam and Co. sell by auction, This Day, at Wool Exchange, Sheepskins, 11; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, and CO., Ltd., sell by Auction, TO-DAY, Sheepskins, at 11; Hides, 1.30.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN and MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., Ltd., will sell by public auction THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
At 11 a.m., Sheepskins.
At 1.30 p.m., Hides.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sydney Produce Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock,
Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Sucking Pigs, Creamery, Factory, and Dairy Roll and Keg Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Eggs, Honey, Lard, Fruit, a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, &c., 1 tame Emu (12 months old), 70 sides superior Farm-fed Bacon.

NORTH SYDNEY SALEYARDS, St. Leonards Railway Station, THIS FRIDAY, 28th February, 1902, by auction, at 2 p.m., Chaff, Poultry, Harpoon (springcart, new), Pigs, Eggs, Horse, Cart, Harness, and Sundries.
B. ARNOLD MOLA and CO., Auctioneers.

C. J. TURNER will sell, at his Rooms, the Poultry Farmers' Exchange, Valentine-street, Haymarket, at 1.30, THIS DAY,
Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, &c.

FANCY PIGEONS.
R. F. MURPHY and CO. will sell by auction THIS DAY, at their Saleroom, Thomas-street, Haymarket,
Twenty Pairs of very Choice Fancy Pigeons, comprising Pouters, Dragons, Owls, Magpies, Nuns, Homers, &c.

TELEPHONETTES and Microphone work a speciality. Osborn and Jordan, Electrics., 308 Geo.-st. T., 2108.

BEAUTIFUL FERNS and ORCHIDS from Norfolk Island; also, Pot Plants of every description, Shrubs, &c., &c. For AUCTION SALE THIS DAY at EULALIA NURSERY, QUEEN'S-COURT, just below Bridge-street.
PLANT SALES Daily from 1 till 2 o'clock.

PERDRIAU AND CO.,

MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS OF INDIA RUBBER GOODS,
270 GEORGE-STREET, SYDNEY
(BETWEEN HUNTER AND BOND STREETS).

Auction Sales.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
28th FEBRUARY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.
AT THE SALEROOMS
of
LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., LTD.,
128, 130 PITT-STREET, near King-street.
HIGHLY SUPERIOR FURNITURE
and
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES,
including the Furnishings and Appointments removed from two suburban residences to the Rooms for convenience of sale and account of various interests, comprising
HANDSOME DINING-ROOM FURNITURE,
including several boldly-designed Sideboards, Telescope Dining Tables, Enclosed Dinner Waggons, Elegant Overmantels, and Dining Suites in Leather and Saddlebags.
ROYAL AXMINSTER CARPET SQUARES.
ATTRACTIVE AND USEFUL TABLE APPOINTMENTS
in Cut Crystal Glass, Finest China Services for Breakfast, Dinner, Dessert, and Tea; best quality Sheffield Cutlery and Electroplate of the finest quality.
DRAWING-ROOM AND LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS.
RARE AND CHOICE ORNAMENTS.
OIL PAINTINGS AND WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS.
SEVERAL VALUABLE PIANOFORTES,
including
A VERY FINE CABINET GRAND,
by KLABER, NEW YORK,
with
PIANOTIST ATTACHMENT.
Furnished with Twelve Selected Pieces of Music, specially imported from the United States.
HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITES.
DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS,
Furnished Complete.
KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES,
&c., &c.
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER.
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.,
will conduct the Important Sale by Auction,
at the ROOMS, 128-130 PITT-STREET,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
28th February, at 11 o'clock a.m.

TO THE FURNITURE TRADE, DEALERS, and Others.
At the Rooms, 12 Barrack-street,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28,
at 11 o'clock sharp.
On account of those concerned.
Now landed, in good order,
Ex S.S. Australian.
45 Packages Bleached CANE and RATTAN FURNITURE
in
COUCHES, LOUNGES, ARMCHAIRS
DRAWING-ROOM and OCCASIONAL CHAIRS
VERANDAH CHAIRS, CHILDREN'S CHAIRS
75 WALNUT OVERMANTELS, bevelled plates, new designs
50 Bales JAPANESE BLINDS, various sizes
6 Crates PRINTED TOILET SETS, 6's
3 Crates GRANITE TOILET SETS
1 Crate TEA SETS, 21 pieces
Also,
on account of those concerned,
with all faults
Damaged by water.
4 Cases HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, 6ft. 6in. x 5ft. 6in.

A. TRAVERSI AND CO. will sell as above, at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, February 28, at 11 o'clock sharp.

WAVERLEY.
IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
To LADIES and GENTLEMEN about to FURNISH and those requiring SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS and REQUISITES.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
ON TUESDAY NEXT, MARCH 4.
On the Premises, CLYDE,
BOTANY-STREET, WAVERLEY.
Under instructions from R. SHANKLAND, Esq.
THE WHOLE OF HIS
VALUABLE MODERN FURNITURE,
COSTLY APPOINTMENTS.
VERY SUPERIOR GLASSWARE, CHINAWARE,
E.P. WARE.
MAGNIFICENT FULL UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO,
NEUFIELD.

A. TRAVERSI AND CO. have been favoured with instructions to conduct the above important sale on TUESDAY NEXT, MARCH 4.
FULL PARTICULARS IN TO-MORROW'S ISSUE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 28th,
AT 11 O'CLOCK.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE
of
HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
at
WYOMING,
300 CLEVELAND-STREET, REDFERN,
the Residence of J. R. PALFREYMAN, Sen.,
opp. Prince Alfred Park.
THE COSTLY FURNISHINGS,
which have been in use only a few months,
comprise—
MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, by NICHOLSON and CO., in beautiful walnut case, full iron frame, possessing lovely tone and touch, in good order.
HANDSOME LEATHER DINING SUITE, 9 pieces, solid walnut frames beautifully carved.
MASSIVE DINING TABLE, size 9 x 4.
AXMINSTER CARPET SQUARE, BORDERED, size 12 x 9ft. 6.
MAGNIFICENT SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD, size 6ft., of noble proportions, fitted with 3 large bevelled Plateglass Mirrors, Plate Drawers, Cupboards, and Cellarette.
DINNER WAGGON, STAINED WALNUT BOOKCASE, A1 quality LINOLEUM and OILCLOTH.
CHARMING SOLID WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM SUITE of 7 pieces, upholstered in beautiful Silk Tapestry and Plush.
FANCY RUSH and OCCASIONAL CHAIRS
CARD TABLES, WALNUT OVERMANTEL
LARGE OVAL GILT PIERGLASS
FANCY BAMBOO and RATTAN FURNISHINGS
SOLID WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM CABINET, of UNIQUE DESIGN, in splendid order.
2 MASSIVE BRASS-MOUNTED HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, sizes 4ft. 6, fitted with Wire and Kapok Mattress and Bolsters; also 2ft. 6, 3ft. Bedsteads, complete turnouts.
HANDSOME DOUBLE BEDROOM SUITE of 3 PIECES, consisting of 6ft. WARDROBE, fitted with 2 Bevelled Plateglass Robing Doors, small Drawers, and Bonnet Cupboard, and pair 4ft. Toilets, fitted with Pedestal Cupboards and Towel Rail.
CHARMING BEACONSFIELD BEDROOM SUITE, 3 pieces.
COMBINATION CHEST, WASHSTANDS and WARE.
Portable Copper and Stand
TOILET TABLES, TOILET WARE.
ENCLOSED KITCHEN DRESSER and FUEL RANGE.
GENT.'S LEICHHARDT BICYCLE, Dunlop Tyres, &c.

DALWOOD AND CO., LTD., have been favoured with instructions from J. R. PALFREYMAN, Sen., to conduct this Highly Important Sale.
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 28th, at 10 a.m.
AT EXPERIMENT-STREET, PYRMONT.
UNDER IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.
A. G. JENKINS will sell HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS as above Without Reserve.

THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 28th, at 11 a.m.
At 118 GEORGE-STREET WEST, near Abercrombie-st.
IMPORTANT SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
Drawing-room SUITES, Whatnots, Pictures
Dining Tables, Sideboards, Aust. Chairs
Singer Sewing Machine (hand), Cheff. and Kitchen Safes
Dresser, Glass, Crockery, and Enamelled Ware
Double and Three-quarter Bedsteads, W. Me. and Bedding
Wardrobe, Chests of Drawers, Washstands and Ware
Cooking and Ironing Stoves, Tubs, Tea Set, &c., &c.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above THIS MORNING.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,
The unredeemed goods pledged with Mr. Jacob Solomon, of the Australian Mont de Piete, Regent-street, Redfern.
At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.
At 3 o'clock, Sundries and Jewellery.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE of GALVANISED IRON.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 28, at 11 a.m.,
on Premises at the Rear of the THE DARLING POINT HOTEL, RUSHCUTTER BAY.
800 Sheets (from 6 to 8 ft.) GALVANISED IRON, in lots to SUIT PURCHASERS.
JAMES COWAN has received instructions to sell as above.
TERMS, CASH.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock.—H.-T. Bedstead, with Bedding, Washstands and Ware, Tables, Crockery, Pictures, Fancy Goods, Clothing, Sundries.—H. LEVY will sell by auction, at 135 Regent-street. No Res.

THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2.30.
On the Premises,
838 George-street, Haymarket,
opposite Mick Simmons.
By Order of the Mortgagees.
7 Rooms First-class FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
Comprising Aucher Bros. PIANOFORTE
Drawing, Hall, Dining, Single, ¾, and Double Bedroom Appointments, Kitchen and Laundry Effects, &c.
TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.
BRODRIBB,
AUCTIONEER.

THIS DAY, at 2.
MILDRED and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, Dover Stove, Suite, Heavy Bedstead, Horsehair and Kapok Beds, Chest of Drawers, M.S. Washstand, 200 Lots new and second-hand Clothing. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.
J. GIDLEY FLEMING and SONS sell by auction, at 45 George-street West, Fittings of Hairdressing Saloon, Mirrors, American Patent Chairs, Counter, Partitioning, Glass Case, Scales and Weights, 2 Outside Lamps, Incand. Burners, Tobacconist's Nest Drawers (air proof).

Auction Sales.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
ORDER OF SALE.
CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION
at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

CITY.—Premises, No. 410 Pitt-street, between Goulburn and Campbell streets.
DITTO.—Three Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 190 to 193½ Elizabeth-street, between Goulburn and Campbell streets.
DITTO.—16 years lease of the Evening Star Hotel, Elizabeth and Cooper streets, together with goodwill, license, and stock-in-trade. Executors' sale.
WOOLLOOMOOLOO.—House and Cottage, Nos. 152 and 154 Palmer-street, little south of William-street; also Building at rear. Executors' sale.
SURRY HILLS.—Shop and Dwelling and vacant Land, No. 106 Kippax-street, and Cottage, No. 21 Sophia-street, at rear.
CITY.—Shop and Four Houses, Nos. 34 to 42 Myrtle-street, corner of Shepherd-street.
GLEBE.—House, Mindver, No. 165 Pyrmont Bridge-road, west of Glebe Point-road, freehold. Executors' sale.
NEWTOWN.—Dwelling, No. 4 Watkin-street, off King-street. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Dwelling, No. 23 Bucknell-street, off King-street. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Corner Shop and Cottage, King and Lord streets, and Two Houses, Nos. 2 and 4 Lord-street. Executors' sale.
PETERSHAM.—Block of Land, Canterbury New Road, used as a wood and coal yard, between Palace and Gordon streets. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Cottage, Leven Bank, No. 37 Railway-street, between Croydon and Brighton streets. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Cottage, Lynn Bank, No. 35 Railway-street, next above. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Four Cottages, Nos. 4 to 10 Burns-street, off Brighton-street, between Railway and Crystal streets. Executors' sale.
NORTH SYDNEY.—Three Cottages, Nos. 116 to 120 Ernest-street, between West-street and Lane Cove-road.
MIDDLE HARBOUR.—Block, 5ac. 34p., Long Bay, near Faily Point. Mortgagee's sale.
BALMAIN.—Water Frontage Residence, Vidette, No. 12 Lemon-road and Long Cove.
DITTO.—Two Houses, Minnieville and Florenceville, Mort-street, near Cameron-street. Mortgagee's sale.
MOSMAN.—Cottage, Aralnen, Clifford-street, off Spit road, near Military-road.
ASHFIELD.—Dwelling MELIORA, Charlotte-street. Mortgagee's sale.
WAVERLEY.—Eight Houses, IVANHOE-TERRACE, Albion-street. Mortgagee's sale.
DITTO.—Two Houses, Hooper-street. Mortgagee's sale.
DITTO.—Allotment, Dickson-street. Mortgagee's sale.
DITTO.—Allotment, Nelson Bay-road. Mortgagee's sale.
LEICHHARDT.—Block of Land, Marquis-street, near Parramatta-road.
ST. PETERS.—Triangle Lot, Lackey and Hutchinson streets. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Allotment, Frederick-street, Grove Estate. Executors' sale.
ENFIELD.—Shop and Dwelling George's River-road and Beaufort-street. Mortgagee's sale.
DITTO.—Allotment, Beaufort-road, Khedive-parade, and Seymour-street. Executors' sale.
CROYDON.—Four Cottages, Croydon-road, near Hunt-street. Mortgagees' sale.
BELMORE.—Block, 4ac. 3r. 27p., Moorefield-road, next Wesleyan Church. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Block, 3ac. 2r. 39p., Moorefield-road. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Block, 19ac. 2p., fronting road off Chapel-street. Executors' sale.
GORDON.—Block 9a. 2r. 26½p. Thom's Subdivision. Mortgagee's sale.
PARISH OF MANLY COVE.—18 acres and 21 acres, Burnt Bridge Creek, portions Nos. 81 and 82. Executors' sale.
SANS SOUCI.—Allotments, Rocky Point-road, Wellington and Harris streets, St. Kilda Estate. Executors' sale.
BOOTY HILL.—Block, 67 acres, Woodstock-avenue, Bungalow Estate.
HOLT-SUTHERLAND.—Various Leasehold Areas.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will Sell by Auction, in the Rooms, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11.30, Leases portions of
HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE.

CITY,
in close proximity to the site of the New Railway Station, an improving centre.
PITT-STREET,
between Goulburn and Campbell streets,
HAYMARKET.
Certain to become the Main Thoroughfare to the Central Railway Station.

A City Dwelling, No. 410 Pitt-street, erected on land having 21ft. 2in. frontage to the east side of PITT-STREET, with a depth of about 148ft. The width at rear is 21ft. 2in.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, at 11 o'clock,
The above Property, in a part of the city rapidly coming into prominence. 6454.

THIRLMERE AND PICTON.
IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE JACOB MOHR.
THIRLMERE.—EXCELLENT DAIRY FARM, 100 acres, including 8 acres orchard, HOUSE, 6 rooms, stables, and other outbuildings.
PICTON.
BOOMHILL ESTATE.—62½ acres fronting the GREAT SOUTHERN ROAD, the well-known pick by Mr. ROFE.
COULLS ESTATE.—One-third undivided interest in the unsold Lots or proceeds of same.
STILTON ESTATE.—Portion of 16 acres, well improved, GOOD BRICK COTTAGE thereon, containing verandah on 3 sides, 8 rooms, kitchen, &c., man's room and stabling.
SALE TO-MORROW, SATURDAY,
1st March, at 2 p.m.,
AT THE GEORGE INN, PICTON.
BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd.,
Auctioneers.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
Sheriff's Office, Sydney, 27th February, 1902.
THE UNION FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Limited, v. M'KENZIE, JAS., and ANOTHER.
ON MONDAY, the 10th day of March, 1902, at noon, unless the writ of Fieri Facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by public auction, at the Arbitration Court, Supreme Court, Sydney,
All the Right, Title, and Interest (if any) of JAMES M'KENZIE and MARY M'KENZIE, his wife, the Defendants herein, of, in, and to all that piece or parcel of LAND containing one rood and eighteen perches, situate at Rockdale, in the parish of St. George and county of Cumberland, being Lots 21 and 22 on deposited plan No. 3147, and the whole of the Land comprised in Certificate of Title dated 11 July, 1899. Registered vol. 1287, folio 64.
TERMS, CASH.
C. E. B. MAYBURY, Sheriff.
JOHN HOWARTH, Plaintiff's Attorney, Hunter and George streets, Sydney.

Municipal Elections.

BOROUGH OF HUNTER'S HILL.
MUNICIPAL ELECTION.
EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY—EAST WARD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Gentlemen were this 28th day of February, 1902, at 12 o'clock at noon, at the Council-chambers, duly NOMINATED as Candidates for the position of Alderman for the Extraordinary Vacancy in the East Ward, and for the unexpired term of office of Alderman Covington, J.P., viz.:—
LION HENRY WALFORD, of Falser-street, Woolwich, Civil Servant; and
GEORGE WILLOUGHBY WHATMORE, of Falser-street, Woolwich, Civil Servant.

In consequence of there being more Candidates nominated than the number to be elected, Notice is hereby given that a POLL of the Electors of the East Ward of the Borough of Hunter's Hill will be taken on TUESDAY, March 4th, 1902, commencing at 8 a.m., and closing at 5 p.m., at the following places:—
WOOLWICH—R. Edwards's Cottage, Woolwich-road, Woolwich.
SYDNEY—Victoria Arcade, 44 Castlereagh-street, on Ground Floor, Vestibule, near lift.
Official Declaration of Result of the Poll will be made at the Council-chambers, Hunter's Hill, on WEDNESDAY, March 5, 1902, at 8 a.m.
J. M. ROOKE,
Mayor and Returning Officer.
Council-chambers, Hunter's Hill,
February 28th, 1902.

Musical Instruments.

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Lyon and Healy, Chicago.	GUITARS, BANJOS, &c.

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MAHOGANY UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE, STEINWAY MODEL, by best American maker, FITTED WITH SELF-PLAYER ATTACHMENT for FOOT PEDAL, or can be played as ordinary. Complete with ONE DOZEN ASSORTED MUSIC ROLLS. Will be sold by auction THIS DAY, Friday, at LAWSON, CARO, and CO.'S AUCTION ROOMS, 128, 130 Pitt-street.

GORDON'S, 379 Bourke-st., nr. Oxford-st.—Cheapest, best, and most reliable house for PIANOS in Sydney.

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THE DROUGHT.

DAY OF HUMILIATION.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PETERSHAM.

Special services were held on Wednesday in the above church, and there were large congregations, extra seating accommodation having to be provided. The rector (Rev. R. E. Goddard, B.A.) read morning prayer, special lessons, litany, &c. The proper Psalms, 39, 40, and 43, were chanted. The Rev. Luke Parr preached. At the evening service the rector was assisted by Revs. Luke Parr and John F. Russell. The proper Psalms to specially selected chants were chanted. The Rev. Alfred Yarnold, R.D., of St. John's, Ashfield, preached. The music was under the direction of the choirmaster (Mr. William T. Wood), Mr. William Angus presiding at the organ.

ST. MATTHEW'S, MANLY.

The Rev. A. G. Stoddart, rector of Manly, conducted services at St. Matthew's throughout Wednesday, which were all well attended. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock in the morning, and after the morning service an afternoon service was held at 3 p.m. and evensong at 7.30.

BALMAIN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Special united services were held in the above church on Wednesday afternoon and evening, both services being attended by large congregations. Mr. C. W. Oakes, of the Central Mission, delivered an address in the afternoon, and the Rev. Mr. Flan, of the Presbyterian Church, delivered an address in the evening. Prayers were offered by both gentlemen, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Bennett, Rev. Mr. Blackwell (Baptist), Rev. Mr. Blair, and Rev. Mr. Williams (Wesleyan Church, Balmain East). Appropriate hymns were used for each service. Mr. R. W. M'Master presided at the organ.

UNITED SERVICES AT PYRMONT AND ULTIMO.

United services were held in the Pyrmont and Ultimo district on Wednesday. The service at 11 a.m. took place in the Baptist Church, Harris-street, the Rev. S. Sharp presiding. Addresses were given by the Revs. E. Price and James Buchan, M.A. The Rev. C. Willis and others led the devotions. The service at 7.15 p.m. was held in the Congregational Church, Harris-street, the Rev. J. Buchan presiding. The Revs. S. Sharp, C. W. Willis, and J. Hopkins gave addresses, and several took part in prayer. The attendances were large at both services.

BURWOOD WESLEYAN LADIES' COLLEGE.

At the Burwood Wesleyan Ladies' College on Wednesday the principal, the Rev. E. J. Rodd, assembled the students in the large lecture-hall, and conducted a short and simple service. The principal explained clearly the reasons why a day of national humiliation and prayer had been authorised by the State. He drew a picture of the sufferings experienced by settlers in the drought-stricken districts of the west, and emphasised the necessity for raising to God a heartfelt petition for forgiveness and a renewal of the blessing of rain.

ARALUEN, Thursday.
The business places were closed yesterday. A well-attended special service was held in the Union Church.

BEGA, Thursday.
The Anglican, Wesleyan, and Presbyterian congregations held a combined service last night at the School of Arts. There was a large congregation. Addresses were given by the Revs. Bevan, Kirkpatrick, and Scharkie, and earnest prayers for rain were offered.

BATHURST, Thursday.
Yesterday was observed as a close holiday, business being suspended. Services were held in all the churches and were largely attended.

BEECROFT, Thursday.
Services of humiliation and supplication for rain were held at St. John's Church of England, the Rev. George M'Intosh yesterday. The church was filled. The preacher referred to his personal recollection of the great drought of 1852, when rain was sold at 2s 6d per load in Sydney. Mr. M'Intosh also conducted services at Carlingford and Epping.

Services in supplication for rain were held on Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church, Thornleigh, by the Presbyterians and Methodists. Services were also held at the Methodist Church, Castle Hill, and at the Church of England, Epping.

BRAXTON, Thursday.
Yesterday was closely observed as a day of prayer for rain. All business was suspended. Large numbers attended the services in the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

CAMDEN, Thursday.
Special services were conducted in the local churches yesterday, the business places being closed. At St. John's collections were taken in aid of the Camden Cottage Hospital.

CARCOAR, Thursday.
Services were held in the churches yesterday.

CONDOBOLIN, Thursday.
Services were held at the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches yesterday. There were large congregations.

COBAR, Thursday.
Services were held here twice yesterday at the churches.

DUBBO, Thursday.
In connection with the day of humiliation and prayer there were crowded congregations at the Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Presbyterian churches. In the evening at Murrumbidgerie and Belarbigil the Anglican clergy held an evening service.

GLEN INNES, Thursday.
Yesterday was observed as a close holiday, business being suspended. Services were held in Holy Trinity Church in the morning and evening. There were crowded congregations. The Rev. G. T. C. Reynolds officiated.

GUNNEDAH, Thursday.
Yesterday all the business places were closed here all day, and hotels were closed during the time services were being held. There was a large attendance at each church. The offertory at the Church of England was given to the hospital, and that of the Wesleyan Church to the Benevolent Society.

GRAFTON, Thursday.
Yesterday was observed as a close holiday. Services at the churches were largely attended.

GUNNING, Thursday.
Business places were closed yesterday, and prayers for rain were offered at all the churches.

LAKE BATHURST, Thursday.
Church services were held at St. John's yesterday, and were well attended. The Rev. Hanley Bird officiated.

LISMORE, Thursday.
Services were held at St. Andrew's Church.

MENANGLE, Thursday.
A large congregation attended St. James' Church yesterday morning, when the Rev. Mr. Howe delivered an impressive sermon.

MORUYA, Thursday.
Yesterday was observed as a close holiday. Services were held in the churches.

MORPETH, Thursday.
Special services were held yesterday at All Saints' and Church of Christ.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Thursday.
The services at St. Peter's Anglican Church yesterday were well attended. The Rev. E. G. Moberley preached in the evening.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.
Prayers for rain were offered in the Anglican church yesterday.

MUSWELLBROOK, Thursday.
Special services were held in the various local churches yesterday. At the combined morning service in St. Alban's Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Regg, nearly 150 persons were present.

NOWRA, Thursday.
Yesterday was closely observed as a day of humiliation and prayer for rain. Business places were closed. A united service was held at the Presbyterian church, in which the Rev. W. Allen, Congregationalist, of Petersham, Rev. D. Barnet, of Narrandera, Rev. H. Wilson, and the Rev. R. Inglis, M.A., took part. There was a large attendance.

PAMBULA, Thursday.
Nearly all the business places were closed yesterday. Two services were held in the Anglican Church.

PEAK HILL, Thursday.
The service at the Church of England yesterday was well attended.

PICTON, Thursday.
Yesterday was observed as a day of humiliation. A service was held in the Church of England in the afternoon, and the Rev. R. J. Knox conducted a service in the evening. The Rev. James Steele conducted a service in the Presbyterian Church. At the services members of all denominations were present, and the churches were crowded. Most of the hotels closed their doors during church hours.

URALLA, Thursday.
Services were held at the churches and by the Salvation Army yesterday.

SINGLETON, Thursday.
A united meeting of the churches was held yesterday in the Mechanics' Institute, at 11 a.m. Over a thousand persons were present, many could not obtain admission. All the Protestant denominations were represented on the platform. The Revs. Dr. White and J. Chaffers Welsh delivered addresses. All business places, hotels, &c., were closed without exception during the morning, and the larger stores were closed all day.

SUTHERLAND, Thursday.
United services were held in the Anglican and Congregational churches yesterday. The buildings were crowded. Impressive addresses were delivered.

TAREE, Thursday.
Services were held throughout the district yesterday, and were well attended.

TENTERFIELD, Thursday.
The services were well attended yesterday, especially the united prayer meeting.

WARIALDA, Thursday.
Yesterday was observed as a close holiday. The services in the Anglican church were very largely attended.

WARREN, Thursday.
Yesterday was observed as a close holiday. The principal business houses were shut all day. Special services were held in the Anglican church in the morning and evening; also in the afternoon in the Presbyterian church.

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WATER SUPPLY OF SYDNEY.

MEETING OF THE BOARD.

A SPECIAL REPORT.

THE PROSPECT RESERVOIR.

WHAT THE AVAILABLE SUPPLY IS.

The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage met yesterday morning. The Hon. Jacob Garrard, president, occupied the chair, and all the members of the board were present. The most important business was the outlook of the water supply, of which full particulars appeared in Thursday's "Herald."

SPECIAL REPORT.

The following special report by Mr. J. M. Smail, chief engineer of the board, was read:—

"Sydney, February 27, 1902.—The water level at Prospect Reservoir this morning stands at 186·60 as telephoned by resident engineer. This will give, at a daily consumption of 30 millions or 11in. depletion of surface, a gravitation reserve of 81 days. Below the level of 176·50 the water must be pumped. At a level of 10ft. below 176·50 the storage reserve is equal at 30 millions daily consumption to a further period of 80 days, making a total of 161 days, or nearly to end of July. The gravitation limit will extend to the middle of May, and unless climatic conditions of an unprecedented nature occur, there will be no necessity to resort to pumping.

"I might point out two things that do not appear to be known in connection with this reservoir. 1. That the board has increased the storage capacity by about 600 million gallons. 2. That it is the first season that a real test of the storage capacity in relation to consumption and incoming water was available. Previously at times when water was available the condition of upper canal was so bad that water had to be shut off to effect repairs. During the present season the level could have been kept higher by about 11in. in the earlier stage, if the lining of canal had not to be replaced.

"It might be further pointed out that the previous experience in 1888 indicated that in addition to the extra storage provided it would be advisable to have storage dams in the watershed to store up the water which during rainy seasons runs to waste, the reservoir being full. This water would be available to let down to replete the reservoir as it becomes depleted.

"It was necessary that the watershed area be explored to obtain suitable sites, and instructions were issued to the ranger, who has a good knowledge of the country, to report as to likely sites, so that same could be afterwards examined as to suitability or otherwise. Last year I submitted a report pointing out that four likely sites were suggested, and on personal examination, in company with the president, two were rejected and two recommended for survey. This was taken in hand, and survey for one is nearly completed.

"I anticipate, from two dams, that fully 100 days' additional supply can be obtained, allowing 30 millions per day, including evaporation, which will suffice for some time to come, during period of dry weather, at comparatively moderate cost.

"I would further point out that the capacity of the upper canal, with the improved flow, is equal to 150 millions per day, which is equal to five days' supply at 30 millions, when water is available in the rivers, and it is for the purpose of conserving the flow in the rivers that the storage dams are required.

"I do not see where the possibility of a water famine can arise with the storage reservoir at present in Prospect reservoir, but it is necessary that the lavish use of free water should be curtailed as much as possible during the prevailing dry weather.

"Sydney does not stand alone in the necessity of giving caution as to unnecessary use, as it has been necessary in many other large cities to do the same thing."

SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President (the Hon. J. Garrard) said: This report arises out of a visit I paid to the Prospect reservoir. I do so recollecting the experiences of the board, and the engineer went with me. We went to Prospect to see how the pumps and pontoons were in case they should be required. We made a look round and gave orders for the punts to be put in order. We also gave instructions to those in charge to make an inspection and see what available plant there was in Sydney and Melbourne in case we wanted it. We shall not want it in any case for another five weeks. Still, the board has always looked forward. Now, because of this, a number of people have been crying out about a probable water famine. Because the board had taken action certain people have made it the occasion of building up a great scare upon a foundation that does not exist. One reservoir contains 11 thousand million gallons when full. We have six thousand million gallons available by gravitation when the reservoir is full. Then there remains for us to pump five thousand million gallons. It was always anticipated that there might be a necessity of resorting to pumping, or why was that quantity of water impounded there? If that was not recognised as a possibility why should we keep more water there than could be used by gravitation? It was always recognised that it might be necessary to pump that water into the canal. However, before we come to that we have 80 days' supply, or I will say two months' supply, by gravitation before us, at the rate of 30 million gallons a day. If we do begin to pump for another 10ft. we have another 80 days' supply of water. But even then we can take another 10ft. out, which will give 60 days' additional supply of water. So we have 80 days' supply by gravitation and 140 days' by pumping. Even then I am leaving two thousand million gallons in the bottom which may be disturbed water, because we, as common-sense men, are looking forward to the time when it may be possible that the original intention of the designers of this scheme of water supply may be availed of, namely, that we will have to pump. There is no trouble at all; but at the same time it is necessary that we should ask those who are using a large quantity of free water to be as easy as possible upon it. I was surprised to see in this morning's papers strictures upon the board for what it has done and for what it has not done. I ask these critics to look up the board's reports for the past five or six years, and see where we have pointed out that additional means of supply must be taken in hand. One of the sites on which an impounding reservoir is proposed to be constructed will give us 100 days' supply at very little expense. So I say the board has looked at the thing and prepared for it all the way along. The strictures passed upon the board for not looking out are untenable in view of our report of what we have done. (Cheers.)

MR. TAYLOR'S VIEWS.

Mr. John Taylor said that if the critics of the board looked up the annual reports they would see they had no tenable grounds. The board was the butt of the critics, who wrote articles to alarm the people about a scarcity of water which did not exist. (Hear, hear.) He heard when travelling every day all sorts of questions that were really absurd. People asked whether there was to be a water famine, and questions like that. The press circulated these statements when there was no ground for them, and no truth in them.

THE PRESIDENT INTERPOLATES.

The President: There is just one other matter. It is unfair to say that the board has been lax and requests the expenditure of a quarter of a million of money. We say that in three years' time we shall require an additional line of pipes from Potts Hill to Crown-street, but the mains are enough for the present service. These are works that will have to be extended over some years. What would the ratepayers say if we went into expenditure that meant an increase in the rates? We do not enter upon works sooner than they are wanted, otherwise we would have to increase the rates to cover interest on capital lying dead.

Alderman G. Griffin said early in the season the reservoir had to be lowered 15 inches to enable certain repairs to be effected. He would ask what supply that 15 inches represented.

The President: About 400,000,000 gallons or approximately two weeks.

VIEWS OF ALDERMAN WARD.

Alderman J. Ward said they had never been short of water. (Hear, hear.) If there was any fault at all it was with the Public Works Department and not with the board. The board had never thrown any water away and had risen their wash about 18 inches.

The President: Yes; the board raised the capacity of the wash 18 inches before I came into office.

Alderman Ward said he suggested the other day that they could raise it another foot. Could they not do so?

The President: No.

Alderman Ward: Why?

The President: The bank would not take it.

Alderman Ward: As far as the water was concerned no one could say they had not made the thing pay. When they had had the chance they had always let the people have plenty of water. They had said and tried anxiously to contradict that they knew more about the water reservoir than any man in the Public Works Department, and for the matter of [illegible] could supply double the amount by having reservoirs in the catchment area. He defied the Public Works Department and the Minister to say that they had any more brains there than there were in the Water and Sewerage Board.

Mr. Davis: Speak for yourself about brains.

Alderman Ward said he was going to speak for himself. People had talked about men who had made their own position in the world and shown as much as they were going to be found in the Public Works Department. There was no public institution in the world free from criticism. With all due deference to the Public Works Department the board could do as much and as cheap work as the department. The board had done as much as it possibly could. If the Public Works Department would put the whole thing into the hands of the board it would be found that the board could always give a sufficient supply. The board had been prepared. They only told the people to be careful.

ALDERMAN GRIFFIN SPEAKS.

Alderman Griffin said that by the action of the officers of the board before he joined it an increased supply of 550 million gallons had been made available. That meant 18 days' supply at 30 million gallons, 27 days' supply at mean, and 22 days' supply at winter consumption. If they were to have further divided authority they were likely to have further difficulty. The board and its officers by long experience knew what was likely to be required by the city of Sydney. Those officers had every means of designing and carrying out necessary works for increasing the supply in the near future. They had available something like seven or eight months supply by pumping. He would be a very bold man who would say that on a coast such as this they were likely to go for that length of time without water coming in. It was true that they had not had the February rains. There had never been a period of such continuous drought during summer. He assumed that for the next two months they would have enough water to go on with by gravitation, but according to the report they had a supply available for something like seven or eight months. To attempt to take away the functions of the board which it had shown itself perfectly capable of carrying out would be suicidal in the last degree. As a representative of the extended suburbs, he said it would be a manifest injustice to the ratepayers to burden them by increasing the taxation in order to carry out an elaborate system of works which were not approved by the officers of the board, who were the best judges of what was required. He hoped the result of this would be that the Ministry and Parliament would see that the accepting of designs for other works should be left entirely in the hands of the board.

OPINIONS OF MR. DAVIS.

Mr. Davis said with regard to the taking away of the authority of the board, one of the great troubles in the past had been the division of authority between the Public Works Department and the board. The Public Works Committee had to report on works costing over £20,000, and the work was carried out by the Public Works Department. The board had been spending about £5000 a year in patching defective work that the board had had to take over. Although the board had been labouring under disadvantages the Ministry never came to their rescue until the North Sydney shortage. This agitation would do good. It was thought by the public that the board had full control over the system, but ever since he had been on the board it had been playing second fiddle to the Minister for Works and his officers. The sooner this was altered the better it would be for the public. Members of the board were there to receive the abuse. They had known works to be necessary, but had not power to go on with them. It would be in the public interest for the Minister for Works to take over the whole concern. The board could have done it, but had not the power. While they had dual control there would always be trouble. He was always prepared to admit that the board was the worst set of men in the city. They could do 99 good things, and nothing was heard about it. But let a pipe break or something like that occur, and the country was up in arms, and it was said the board ought to be thrown out. They had given the best supply they could at the least expenditure.

STATEMENT BY MR. CHAPMAN.

Mr. Chapman said when he joined the board four years ago he found there was a divided control. He was much surprised to hear that the Minister was going to do more in that direction and take away more of the powers of the board so as to give pretty well the whole of the construction to the Works Department. That meant their officers would be subordinate to the Works Department. If anything happened the board was held responsible by the press. A terrible amount of ignorance was displayed in the articles written. He believed that after what had been said there would be a departmental change. He did not believe that change would be for the benefit of the water supply. He was certain it would not. The Works Department had better take sole control and run the supply at once, or give the board the power for which it had been asking from time to time. They were apparently going to make this a national thing, and they would have works being carried out by day labour brought from Victoria and other States simply at the expense of the ratepayers. He hoped that this would never be carried out. In three weeks he would sever his connection with the board, and did not intend to stand again. At the same time he hoped the powers of the board would never be diminished.

A CASE IN POINT.

Alderman Griffin said the Randwick Council had complained that its application for the extension of sewerage had not been carried out. He found that this extension was being constructed by the Works Department. That was an instance of the dual control. They could not carry out their reticulation when they had not the main sewer.

The report was adopted.

THE CARRYING OUT OF WORKS.

The following minute by the board's engineer was laid on the table:—The hon. Minister for Public Works having decided to carry out works of water supply for the metropolitan area as well as sewerage, it is advisable that a line of demarcation be established in order that there may not be any conflict of authority or interference with the continuity of the supply. For years past the Works Department has carried out the main lines of sewers, and the board the reticulatory ones and ventilation of the whole, as well as the extension of the existing works to suit the expansion of the systems. I think the same rule obtaining in this case could be applied to the one under consideration, viz., the Works Department to carry out the main works, and the board all reticulatory works. The term main works to include all trunk mains between Potts Hill and any distributing reservoir, duplication of existing canals, or impounding reservoirs, new reservoirs over one million gallons capacity. Reticulation works are to comprise all arterial mains off trunk mains up to 24in. diameter, and reticulation mains ramifying from the same, balance for obvious reasons should be carried out by the board. The work of repairs entails interference with the supply, and the proper authority should never be dissassociated from the same. Where another body comes in that is not responsible under the Act giving the control and maintenance of the metropolitan supply serious results might ensue. The same conditions which admit of two departments carrying out works, as in the sewerage branch, do not exist in water supply, except when the different functions are kept to well defined lines as outlined. I submit the foregoing for consideration in carrying out the line of policy as laid down by the Minister for Works, and at the same time wish to state that the officers of the staff are as capable of carrying out either main or reticulation works as those to whom the main works are to be relegated. Their daily training and experience in the board's works naturally fits them for this special work. In justice to the board's engineering department I wish to record this opinion. On the lines indicated the water supply to the metropolis can be brought into line with that of sewerage construction, which experience has shown, as far as carrying out works is concerned, can be accomplished without friction.

Mr. Davis said that if there was to be a further division of control, the sooner the board handed the whole thing over the better it would be for the public.

Mr. Taylor said they had just had to spend £1500 to repair the Ryde Hill pipe line owing to its weak construction. There were other cases of work taken over in which the board had had similar experience.

Alderman Griffin said probably the worst example was the aqueduct for the Lane Cove Bridge. After it was made they could only use it up to a certain point.

The President: The Minister has laid down these principles. Do you agree?

After some further remarks the minute was adopted.

STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Thomas Hughes), speaking yesterday with a representative of the "Herald," said that the position in regard to the water supply of Sydney was one that must naturally cause a good deal of anxiety in the minds of the authorities under whose administration that particular branch of local government came. He hoped, however, that in the end it would be found that all their fears had been groundless. The City Council had nothing to do with the administration of the Water and Sewerage Board, and could only sympathise with the officials of that department, at the same time doing all that lay in its power to assist them. With that object the council had reduced the size of the nozzles for the watering of the streets from three-quarters to half an inch. That would mean a considerable saving in the quantity of water used. The council was also doing everything it could to reduce the consumption of water by the prevention of waste, and the city surveyor was paying particular attention to this subject. The Mayor added that whilst he would gladly assist the Water and Sewerage Board to the utmost of his ability, he could only do so as far as proper consideration for the public health would allow.

THE DEPARTMENTAL BOARD.

The members of the departmental board, to which was referred the matter of considering the whole question of the improvements necessary in connection with the Sydney water supply, held a preliminary meeting yesterday. To-day the members of the board will meet Mr. Jacob Garrard, president of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, and have a discussion with him with reference to the proposals.

NORTHERN SUBURBS WATER SERVICE.

Reference has been made to the delay which is occurring in putting in hand a duplicate main from Potts Hill to Ryde—one of the works which is to lead to an improved service to the northern suburbs. In connection therewith the State Minister for Works says that the metropolitan board is preparing to meet the cost of this duplication from the balance of £16,145 of a loan vote which was taken in 1897 for an extension to Carlingford, and a balance of £18,611 of a loan vote taken in 1890 for extensions. Mr. O'Sullivan is willing that the latter amount should be devoted to the work, but there is a legal objection to a vote for an extension to Carlingford being appropriated for quite another service. The cost of the entire duplication, however, is estimated at £95,300, and the Minister is therefore unable to authorise the work without first referring it to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, as section 25 of the Public Works Act provides:—"No public works of any kind whatever, the estimated cost of completing which exceeds £20,000, and whether such work is a continuation, completion, repair, reconstruction, extension, or a new work, shall be commenced unless sanctioned as hereinafter provided."

Mr. O'Sullivan has consulted with the Premier on the subject, and the matter will probably be further considered in Cabinet next week.

With regard to the new bridge which is to carry the mains over the Lane Cove River Mr. Smail, of the metropolitan board, is to visit the site to-day. The plans are being pushed on with, and the foundations tested, and no time will be lost in having the work put in hand and completed at an early date.

SUPPLY CURTAILED AT LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

The Water and Sewerage Board has written to the local council requesting that body to be good enough to curtail the use of water as much as possible during the present dry weather and until further notice, in order that the supply for purely domestic purposes may not be interfered with. The request is made in view of the extremely low state of the rivers from which the supply of water for replenishing the storage reservoir of the town is drawn.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your account of the Sydney water supply in to-day's issue has come as a great shock to the people of Sydney, and discloses the fact that we are face to face with a grave peril of almost a national character, and within measurable distance of a calamitous water famine.

The president of the Water Board says that in two months, if no rain falls during that period, all the gravitation water will have been consumed, and that the water supply of Sydney must be maintained by pumping from the reservoir into the supply canal. The Minister for Public Works gives us six weeks for that event to arrive. Now, Sir, dry weather for two months or six weeks longer is not an impossible contingency, and droughts as severe have occurred before, and what the public require to know exactly is what is being done to provide for this contingency. We hear that the situation is being generally reviewed by the board, and preparations made to instal a pumping plant at Prospect, but how is it that such an important plant has not been placed in position years ago in readiness for the inevitable?

I would like to ask the following questions:—(a) Has the board got a pump in stock capable of supplying the present consumption, 20½ millions of water daily, to the canal? (b) If the board has such a pump can it be installed in running order in six weeks from now? In order to allay the growing alarm of the public it is necessary that these questions be answered clearly and concisely.

If it is the board's intention to erect a plant capable of supplying the full quantity of water required, and if able to carry out that intention well and good; but if not what is the position then? Let us face it clearly and analyse it. The result as it presents itself to me will be perhaps a sufficiency of water for drinking and domestic purposes, but insufficient for flushing streets, w.c.s., and gullies, and the many other demands of traffic and manufacture. Picture to yourself Sydney unflushed and uncleansed, with plague at large, and manufactures and traffic at a standstill, and you will agree with me that a crisis of a serious nature is imminent, and demands instant action, if only to avert in part what I have pictured.

Prompt action is required to stop the enormous waste of water now going on, and it must take place forthwith to be of any service. It is well known that in hundreds of small houses, those especially with gardens, where there are no meters, the water is turned on at night and runs for hours unchecked, and that the water supply in this manner is bled at a thousand pores. I venture to say that nearly one-third of the water that leaves Prospect cannot be accounted for by the authorities, and produces absolutely no revenue.

I am, &c.,
J. HAYDON CARDEW.

February 27.

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Sydney Hospital for Sick Children was held in the Town Hall last night. There was a very large attendance, and it was mainly composed of ladies and children. The Mayor (Alderman T. Hughes) was in the chair. The Premier (Mr. See) sat on his right, and the president (Mr. Justice Stephen) on his left. The choir platform was filled with the well-trained Cleveland-street Public School Boys' Choir, which, under the direction of Mr. J. Conway and with organ accompaniment by Mr. R. H. Kay, sang the Spinning Chorus from the "Flying Dutchman" and the Soldiers' Chorus from "Faust." Selections on the grand organ were rendered by Mr. Arnold R. Mote, B.A., Mrs. J. F. Truscott sang "Sunshine and Rain" and "To-night"—as an encore "Cherry Ripe"—and Mr. Cyril Monk played the violin solo, "Romance et Gavotte," from "Mignon." A squad of the Paddington Public School cadets gave a display of manual drill under Lieutenant F. J. Anderson, and were warmly applauded. Another popular auxiliary item was a novelty on the concert platform—quintettes of juvenile soldiers representing the English army, the navy, and Australian forces engaged in a series of stirring movements, grouped under the title of the "Empire March," and a youthful Highlander danced a reel. The march ended in a living tableau of a battle scene. These boys were from Fort-street Model School, and were directed by Mr. D. A. Pike.

The annual report showed that during the year 530 patients were treated in the general hospital; 314 were cured, 72 were relieved, and 60 died. In the diphtheria cottage 202 patients were treated, of whom 155 were cured and 30 died. There were 15,522 attendances of 3630 patients. In both branches the number of patients was largely in excess of that for the previous year. The general death rate was 11·1 per cent., and in the diphtheria branch it was 18·8 per cent. as compared with 7·43 per cent. in the previous year. The increase of outpatients was 1385. With regard to the revenue, the subscriptions, donations, legacies, &c., totalled £2295, which was considered satisfactory though larger subscriptions would be required when the new hospital was under management. Patients' payments contributed £509. Gifts in kind, toys, &c., which were numerous, were acknowledged with thanks, and the ladies who visited the hospital and instructed and amused the patients were also thanked. The general expenditure was greater than for the last year owing to the increased attendance of patients, higher cost of provisions, &c., and extra cost of maintaining the nurses' home. The house adjoining the general hospital had been leased for a nurses' home. Dealing with management the report stated that the house committee now consisted of Mrs. J. G. Fraser, Mrs. C. Cecil Griffiths, Mrs. H. C. Kent, Mrs. Munce, Miss Stephen, Miss Eadith Walker, and Mrs. Lee Lord. Mr. H. W. Hammond, who acted for many years as hon. secretary to the house committee, having resigned, Mrs. Lee Lord was elected to fill the vacancy, and Miss Nightingale was appointed clerk to the house committee. The house committee found it necessary to call attention to the inadequate accommodation at the hospital for outpatients, owing to the greatly increasing number of patients which have now to be treated. A site in Valentine lane for the erection of an out-patients' department was selected, and plans for a building had been approved. A sub-committee was inquiring into the matter of establishing a convalescent home. As to the new hospital, a site for which, near Park-road, had been granted by the Government, and although no special appeals were made during the year for contributions to the building fund, donations totalling £894 were received, as well as £213 interest on invested funds. Material assistance was again rendered by the "Sydney Mail" Fund, which contributed during the year £452. The amount standing to the credit of the fund at the end of last year was £8012 15s 5d. Thanks were returned to the hon. medical staff, and regret was expressed at the death of Mr. S. A. Stephen, M.L.C., and of Dr. Garran, M.L.C. The report of the medical staff was summed up in the statement that the hospital was utterly inadequate to the demands made upon it, and was unworthy of the State.

Mr. See moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet. He congratulated the management upon the magnificent work it was doing. The great work must commend itself to every right-thinking man and woman in the community. When they thought of the number of poor little children who but for that institution would probably have died of neglect they could only feel proud of, and grateful to, the noble army of men and women who were doing such great work. The nursing staff and the medical staff deserved well at the hands of the community. The committee of management had been most indefatigable. He knew that because they had worried him for a long time for a site for the hospital. They wanted the whole of the Centennial Park it seemed to him—(laughter)—and he could not give that. He gave them a site, however, and they subsequently declined to have it. But now he believed the difficulty was solved by the grant of a site fitted in every way, and he hoped the time was not far off when Sydney would have a splendid hospital. There was no other city in the world which dispensed charity to the needy so freely as Sydney, and he could claim that the Government of the country, whose grant in 1899 was £226,000, was not behind in its duty. It was a question how far the Government should go in paying for patients in a hospital, but one thing which he would say was that the children must be looked after. (Applause.) There were warm-hearted women who worked in this State in the collection of subscriptions, and there was a warm-hearted people who subscribed; but he would again say that the Government should not be looked to for such an enormous share of the cost of ministering to the wants of the afflicted. Though the Government might not be able to give the committee all it wanted, still he would give it all he could consistently with public obligations. (Applause.) The sympathy of the whole community went out to the little sufferers and those who worked for them, and he sincerely wished the institution all of the great success it so indisputably deserved. (Applause.)

Mr. M'Gowen, M.L.A., in seconding the motion, said there was no institution for the alleviation of suffering which appealed more warmly to public sympathy than a children's hospital. The Sydney Hospital for Sick Children was quite unsectarian, and that was one of the qualities which would always commend it to the public. Another was that no order was needed for the admission of a patient: the doors of the hospital were always open so long as there was room in the wards.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. J. St. Vincent Welch, seconded by Mr. F. E. Barraclough, the following were re-elected office-bearers for the current year:—President, Mr. Justice Stephen; vice-presidents, Mrs. Garran and Mr. F. T. Humphery, M.L.C.; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Cecil Griffiths; hon. treasurers for building fund, Mr. W. Percy Faithfull and Mr. A. F. Robinson; hon. secretary, Mr. Harold W. Fairfax. On the motion of Mr. H. C. Kent the following were elected to vacancies on the board:—Mrs. W. R. Campbell, Mrs. Lee Lord, Lady Allen, Miss Eadith Walker, Mrs. Forbes Angus, Mrs. A. J. Gould, Mr. R. J. Black, M.L.C., Mr. Richard Teece, Mr. J. St. Vincent Welch, and Dr. Read.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Liverpool, London, and Globe Insurance Company, which had provided the committee-room, to the Premier for being present at the meeting, and to the chairman.

The Mayor said it gave him particular pleasure to be there. He deeply appreciated the work the hospital was doing, and with no branch of it more than the treatment of diphtheria cases. The death rate, viz., 18 per cent., was extraordinarily low compared with what prevailed a few years ago. He thought there was no nobler work than helping the sick little ones to recovery. (Applause.)

ABSOLUTE SECURITY against loss by FIRE. The Royal Insurance Co.'s Funds exceed £12,000,000; annual revenue over £3,000,000. 74 Pitt-street. Tel., 1870.—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

CAPTAIN MILLARD, M.L.A.

MILTON, Thursday.

At the show to-day Captain Millard was presented with a tea and coffee service and a silver cake basket, by his constituents in the Milton division of the Moruya electorate. The Mayor of Ulladulla (Mr. W. Riley, J.P.), on behalf of the citizens, spoke of the splendid services rendered by Captain Millard during the eight years he had represented the constituency, and explained that the presentation was made as a mark of appreciation of his efforts in advancing the interests of the electorate. He stated that, though the presentation was subscribed to by the whole of the people throughout the Milton division, the movement was initiated and carried through by the ladies. Mrs. Riley (Mayoress) made the presentation in a few appropriate words. Captain Millard feelingly responded.

THE COLDSTREAM BRIDGE.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The Lower Coldstream River Bridge was formally opened by the Mayor of Ulmarra yesterday. The Mayoress performed the christening ceremony in the presence of 2000 persons from various parts of the district. The celebrations consisted of a banquet and basket picnic. The former was attended by 120 of the leading residents. At the conclusion of the banquet a service of a united character was held by the Anglican, Presbyterian, and Wesleyan ministers, at which prayers for rain were offered. The contractor for the bridge was Mr. F. J. Carson, of Sydney. The structure spans the Coldstream on the Grafton-Clarence Heads-road.

PROPOSED SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

In view of the refusal of the Minister for Works to recommend Government assistance for the continuation of the main drain, so as to remove the existing nuisance from the centre of the town, and acting upon that gentleman's suggestion, the local council has empowered the Mayor to convene a meeting of the ratepayers interested, at which the proposed sewerage scheme for the town will be re-submitted for consideration. The scheme was submitted to the ratepayers nearly 12 months ago and rejected, it being held that the scheme was only a partial one, and did not provide for the taking in of the industries on the river.

POLLUTION OF THE MURRAY RIVER.

ALBURY, Thursday.

For some time past complaints have been made in regard to the dirty condition of the river water. Investigation showed that pollution was caused by mining operations, principally dredging in the tributaries of the Murray on the Victorian side, entering the river a little above the intake pipe for the town water supply. At the council meeting yesterday it was stated that fish in the river were killed by this cause. A resolution was carried in favour of making application to the Fisheries Department to suggest a method of removing the nuisance.

THE BUILDING OF PUNTS.

WINGHAM, Thursday.

The third punt for use at the southern training wall at Harrington was launched at Wingham this afternoon. The work has been performed most satisfactorily by the contractor, Mr. Donaldson.

The steam punt for the Taree ferry is having its engines and machinery placed in position, and will be ready for duty in about a week's time.

THE CHURCHES.

ALBURY, Thursday.

There was a large gathering, representing all denominations, at St. Patrick's Hall to-night to take leave of the Rev. Father O'Sullivan, who after six years' curacy here has been promoted administrator of the Goulburn Cathedral. Mr. T. H. Griffith, M.L.A., occupied the chair, and the platform was filled with leading citizens. An illuminated address and a purse of sovereigns were presented from the people of the town and district, and another presentation of vestments was made by the ladies of the congregation, who also presented an address. Father O'Sullivan replied in suitable terms, and on leaving by express for Sydney was escorted to the station by a large number of friends.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

A farewell social was tendered last night to the Rev. W. T. Turton, pastor of the Congregational Church, who is giving up the temporary charge, and is leaving for Victoria. He was presented with a sovereign case from the members of the choir, and several gentlemen wished him success in his new pastorate at Williamstown.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The installation of Bishop Barlow as Bishop of Goulburn is fixed for April 23.

INVERELL, Thursday.

The harvest thanksgiving festival by the local branch of the Salvation Army was a success. The exhibits were numerous and unique. Captain Snow preached an appropriate sermon.

WARREN, Thursday.

A successful concert was held last night in aid of the local Presbyterian Church.

ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

A miner named Henry Hall was barring down ore last night from the back of the 500ft. level of the Proprietary mine, when some fell away suddenly. He got struck on the back, receiving such severe cuts and bruises that he had to be sent to the hospital.

CAMPBELLTOWN, Thursday.

The Rev. T. V. Alkin, M.A., rector of this parish, met with a nasty accident to-day whilst out riding. A cyclist was approaching from the opposite direction and ran against his horse, which, turning sharply, unseated its rider. In his fall Mr. Alkin sustained several cuts about the face and head, and was much shaken. He is now confined to bed, and will not be able to leave it for a week or two.

WARREN, Thursday.

The coroner (Mr. C. H. Piggott) commenced an inquiry on Tuesday regarding the death of the boy Lyons through injuries received from a passing train when between Trangie and Nevertire on Friday night. The inquiry was not concluded till yesterday. The boy died when within two miles of Warren. Inspectors Bough and Williams watched the proceedings on behalf of the Commissioners. The coroner found that deceased died from hemorrhage whilst being conveyed to Warren, and that no negligence could be charged against the officials.

A GIRL DROWNED.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

A little girl named Alma Josephine Davis, 10 years of age, was drowned in George's River, not far from Casula platform, yesterday. It appears that deceased with other members of the family, accompanied her mother to the river for the purpose of washing some clothes. While the mother was engaged in that occupation the children were amusing themselves paddling in the shallow water, and deceased got into a deep hole and sank. The mother's cries for help were heard by a young man named William Pyers, who immediately proceeded to the scene in a boat, and subsequently recovered the lifeless body of the girl.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

GUNNEDAH, Thursday.

The Quarter Sessions were held to-day before Judge Gibson. Mr. Bevan was Crown Prosecutor. H. G. Hill, charged with setting fire to grass, was found not guilty on the grounds of insanity. H. C. Lyon, for forging and uttering, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour in Maitland gaol, the sentence to be suspended under the First Offenders Act. W. Barrington, for assault, was sentenced to 10 months' hard labour in Maitland gaol. William M'Donald, a boy 12 years of age, for putting logs on the railway line, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, sentence to be suspended under the First Offenders Act.

AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL.

CAMDEN, Thursday.

Notice has been received from the Water and Sewerage Board directing the attention of residents to the necessity of exercising the strictest economy in the use of water until rain falls.

The State fruit expert (Mr. W. J. Allen) gave a demonstration in fumigating fruit trees at Mr. Moulder's orchard, Oaks, when a large number of orchardists were present. The orange trees were treated for scale.

DUNGOG, Thursday.

A dairy herd of 13 cows belonging to Mr. A. Bugnell, Bandon Grove, broke into a cultivation paddock and ate young sorghum, which was about 1ft. high. Six of the cows died this morning, but the others have recovered.

DUBBO, Thursday.

The Dubbo Land Board, which adjourned on Tuesday until this morning, continued the examination of applicants for homestead selections and settlement leases thrown open on the 13th and 15th instant.

INVERELL, Thursday.

The meeting of the P. and A. Association was held to-day. Mr. Borthwick, president, was in the chair, and there was a good attendance. It was resolved to engage the town band.

The show privileges were sold to-day, and realised £112 15s.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.

The district is enjoying a splendid season. Sugar-growers are very hopeful, and unless floods intervene there will be a satisfactory yield of maize. The Cingalese and Hindoo labourers who have been displaced from the cane fields are remaining perfectly quiet.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

Mr. James Thompson, the well-known blood stock breeder, who purchased Annan Lodge yesterday, contemplates coming to live in Mudgee about nine months hence. His intention is to erect loose-boxes, and bring all yearlings and stallions here. Mr. James Thompson states he is hand-feeding 70 head of blood horses owing to the severity of the drought. It is the first time he has ever been obliged to feed mares.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

Many residents have left Pilliga on account of the water supply having run out. The only place at which water can be obtained is at the lagoon, and this supply is unfit for human consumption, as it is used by stock. Namoi River at Narrabri has stopped running. Thousands of fish are lying dead in many parts of the river for many miles, and huge trees are lying across the river, having been blown down by the recent storm. At Millie as much as 1s per bucket has been paid for water for horses. Water has to be drawn eight miles for domestic purposes.

WINGHAM, Thursday.

The drought is the worst experienced here for many years past.

SOUTH COAST.

MILTON, Thursday.

The Miss Eva Mylott's Concert Company gave a farewell entertainment to a fair house last night.

MORUYA, Thursday.

On Wednesday morning a large barn, the property of Mr. R. Hefferman, of Moggendoura, was destroyed by fire. It contained a buggy, sulky, harness, corn-cracker, corn-sheller, quantity of hay and corn, and other farm requisites, all of which were destroyed. The loss is estimated at over £200. The property was not insured.

NOWRA, Thursday.

Miss Mary M'Tavish, eldest daughter of Mr. D. M'Tavish, of Pyree, died on Tuesday after a long illness.

Complaints are made by consignees and shippers as to the state of the channel near Crookhaven Heads, which through silting up occasions delays. Mr. Morton, M.L.A., is seeking to get the dredge Antleon to clear the channel.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

The late Mr. Brasington arrived in this district 60 years ago. He leaves over 100 descendants.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

A complimentary concert was tendered to Mr. A. J. Walker, conductor of the Illawarra District Choir, by the members at the Town Hall last night. Mr. Walker was the recipient of a cheque and a framed address.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The eighth annual meeting of the Bathurst No. 5 Starr Bowkett Society was held to-night. The report showed the society to be in a flourishing condition, the position being as follows:—Assets, £28,106 12s 1d; secured liabilities, £25,632 9s 9d; balance of assets over liabilities, £2474 2s 4d. The balance-sheet disclosed a balance for last year of £4114. The following directors were elected:—Messrs. J. Apps, A. B. James, F. J. Tonkin, J. Beddie, D. Veness, H. Morris, P. Shanks, J. Coanwell, G. Toole, W. Rivett, H. Mugridge, and H. Philips.

At the meeting of the Bathurst A. H. and P. Association to-day it was decided to ask Mr. See, the State Premier, to open the forthcoming show. Mr. Kidd, the Minister for Agriculture, will also be asked to attend.

The committee of the local progress association, at a meeting to-night decided to affiliate with the Progress Association of New South Wales, and to send two delegates to a meeting in the Sydney Town Hall on Easter Tuesday.

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

All the mains in connection with the Blayney waterworks have been completed. Consequently there are a number of unemployed men here.

BOURKE, Thursday.

A special meeting of the committee of the Bourke District Hospital was held in the council-chambers last night. The officers elected were—Chairman, Mr. P. J. Biddulph; vice-chairman, Mr. E. M. Luscombe; treasurer, Mr. W. D. Peterain. Only one application for the position of medical officer was received, namely that of Dr. Faithful, who was elected. It was decided that fresh applications be called for another medical officer.

At an inquest on the recent fires at Matheson's Hotel and Way Yick and Co.'s store to-day an open verdict was returned.

CAMDEN, Thursday.

An official visit by the Most Worthy Patriarch (J. T. Treadgold, Mayor of Leichhardt) and the general secretary (Bro. R. B. Cropley) was paid to the local Sons and Daughters of Temperance on Tuesday evening. The attendance of members was large.

GLEN INNES, Thursday.

The rainfall in Glen Innes for the month of January was 538 points, and for the present month 180 points have fallen, giving an aggregate of 724 points since the beginning of the year.

The following gentlemen have been elected directors for the sheep district of Glen Innes under the Stock Act of 1901 and the Pastures and Stock Protection Act of 1898:—Sheep directors: Messrs. D. S. Anderson, Cecil Bloxsome, James Campbell, and John Sinclair. Pasture directors: Messrs. David Crockett, John A. Martin, John Wetherspoon, and Thomas Black.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The Star of the East Lodge, Oddfellows M.U., celebrated the thirty-eighth anniversary on Tuesday by a public banquet. There are over 300 members good on the books.

GULARGAMBONE, Thursday.

A little girl, the eldest daughter of Mr. J. Munro, of Bourbah, died at Coonamble from inflammation caused by eating grapes.

A large supply of timber for the railway station is arriving daily.

Another mishap occurred to the Government bore. While some casing was being drawn up the top of the derrick came away. This will probably cause a delay of about two weeks.

JUNEE, Thursday.

The body of an old man named James Nielsen was found this morning in what is known as Hammond's Paddocks by Mr. H. G. Hammond. The body was very much decomposed, showing that the man must have been for fully a fortnight only 300 yards from a frequently used road. Dr. Button, Government medical officer, made an examination of the body, and reported that there were no marks of violence whatever. In one pocket was found 5s and a Government Savings Bank book, showing a credit balance of £11.

LAKE BATHURST, Thursday.

Miss Cropper, Mrs. Mallard, and Mr. F. Badgery have each presented a Glacier stained glass window to St. John's Church.

Mrs. Miles, who has resided here for some years, is leaving for Sydney.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The hospital officers are:—President, Mr. A. Currie; vice-presidents, Mr. W. Lockett, Mr. W. Northcott; treasurer, Mr. J. Barrie; hon. secretary, Mr. J. M'Gregor Dunn; medical officers, Drs. Parker and Muller (re-elected).

At a meeting on Tuesday it was resolved to raise a testimonial to Alderman Norris in recognition of his long services as alderman.

MENANGLE, Thursday.

Last night Mr. Neve, who is leaving Menangle, was presented with a dinner service by the public. Appropriate speeches were delivered by Messrs. Kilmartin, Kemp, and Somers.

MOLONG, Thursday.

In reply to the Cargo Progress Association's request to have the railway route surveyed from Cargo Siding or from Amaroo, via Bowan Park, Barrigan, and Lockwood, to Canowindra, the Minister states that he cannot accede to the request.

At the annual meeting of the Amaroo Progress Association Mr. William Shapland, sen., was elected president and treasurer; Messrs. Andrew Byrne and Thomas Keenan, vice-presidents; and Mr. William Shapland, jun., secretary.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

Mr. A. E. Collins, M.L.A., has been informed by the Government that £100 has been devoted to the sufferers by the late cyclone.

Owing to the piping at Narrabri bore having become disconnected, the whole of the piping, amounting to 921ft., has to be removed for the purpose of recovering almost the length of piping first down.

NUNDLE, Thursday.

The land board delivered a decision to-day throwing open 4000 acres of good pastoral country for annual lease.

ROCKLEY, Thursday.

The Rockley Progress Association election resulted in the return of Messrs. Keating, 109; Brownlow, 97; Toole, 95; Gilmour, 90; Hackney, 88; Golsby, 68; Barnes, 61; Nightingale, 58; Cummings, 57; Amos, 56; Shanahan, 52; Corry, 51.

SPRINGWOOD, Thursday.

A Government official has arrived to grade the road from the Hawkesbury View to the River Nepean down the side of the Mountains.

TENTERFIELD, Thursday.

The land board concluded a four days' sitting to-day.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The funeral of the late Sub-Inspector Chiplin, whose death occurred on Tuesday last from brain paralysis, took place this morning. The cortege was a very long one, and was headed by the town band, followed by members of the Masonic lodge. These in turn were followed by members of the M.U.O.O.F. The Rev. R. Barry Brown read the prayers at the grave, after which the Masonic and Oddfellows' funeral services were gone through, and were conducted by Wor. Bro. M'Intry, W.M., and P.G.M. Bro. Deveson respectively.

WENTWORTH FALLS, Thursday.

The church here was crowded yesterday. All the principal business places were closed, and the navvies were given a holiday to enable them to attend church.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

At a meeting held yesterday of sympathisers with the nuns who lost all their possessions by fire over £20 towards the relief fund was subscribed. Canvassers were appointed, and it is anticipated a large amount will be received.

Yesterday the majority of business places and the mines and batteries were closed. Services were held in the churches.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

Courts of Quarter Sessions will be held during next month at the Courthouses at the following times and places, viz.:—Murrurundi, on March 1; Darlinghurst, 3rd; Condobolin, 3rd; Newcastle, 4th; Hillston, 10th; Coonabarabran, 13th; Hay, 14th; Coonamble, 17th; Narrandera, 18th; Singleton, 19th; Walgett, 21st; Gundagai, 24th; Cootamundra, 28th.

JUST IN TIME.

Time saw Order evolved out of Chaos. Time saw the development of civilisation. Time necessitated production of clocks and watches. Time made them cheap. Time is regulated by the Creator, and waits for no man. The Ansonia Clock Company faithfully notes the fact, and acts as the recorder. Time has enabled it to offer you its famous ANSONIA WATCH for 7s 6d. Time is what it studies, and Time is what it sells. As everyone must study Time, let them study it on the face of an Ansonia Watch. This is a stem-winder, open face, nickel silver watch of high finish. It has a second hand. If you can't get an Ansonia off your particular dealer drop the Ansonia Clock Company a line to their Sydney address, 54 Margaret-street, and they will put you in the way of being supplied.—Advt.

A page of this week's "Sydney Mail" is devoted to illustrations of "Aladdin," now being performed at the Theatre Royal.—Advt.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

THIRD DAY.

The Methodist Conference met yesterday at the Centenary Hall. The president (the Rev. W. W. Rutledge) took the chair at 10 o'clock. After devotional exercises the Rev. Joseph Woodhouse read the daily record, which was adopted. There was a large attendance of representatives.

The Rev. J. Penman, as a matter of privilege, drew the attention of the conference to an oversight on the part of the Primitive Methodist Church authorities in not electing representatives for two of their connexional funds. He asked that as an act of grace the gentlemen since elected might be permitted to take their seats as representatives. After discussion the request was granted on a resolution moved by the Rev. J. Penman, and seconded by Mr. J. L. Fegan.

Permission was granted to the theological students to attend the conference sessions.

On the motion of the secretary it was resolved to send a letter of condolence to the Rev. F. Langham on the death of Mrs. Langham and Miss Lindsay, their adopted daughter. At the request of the president the conference stood while the resolution was carried.

Congratulatory telegrams were received from the sister conferences now in session. It was resolved to send suitable replies.

The secretary also read communications from Captain Wallington, the Governor-General's secretary, and Mr. Orlando Baker, the United States Consul, acknowledging addresses forwarded on the accession of the King and the assassination of President M'Kinley.

The ex-president laid on the table communications from the Hon. J. See (the Premier), the Presbyterian Church Committee, and Mr. Stephen Murphy. The secretary also submitted several communications.

Notices of motion were handed in by the Hon. W. Robson, having reference to the State control of the liquor traffic; and by the Rev. James Woolnough, dealing with resolutions of the synods on the work of the sustentation society. The Rev. W. H. Rogers submitted several notices dealing with proposed alterations in the arrangement of the minutes.

REPORT OF THE METHODIST FEDERAL COUNCIL.

The Rev. W. Atkinson read the report of the Methodist Federal Council of New South Wales for the year 1901-2. The following is the report:—

The federal council which was appointed in 1894 to "foster a fraternal spirit among the churches, to promote periodical interchanges of pulpits, to prevent overlapping of interests and injurious denominational competition, and generally, work up to a union which would be satisfactory and permanent," has much pleasure in presenting its final report to the New South Wales Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia. For eight years the council has, with unremitting attention, devoted itself to the performance of the important task thus committed to its trust, and, now that its work is finished, desires to record its devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the success He has been pleased to give to its labours. The plan of union agreed to by the uniting conferences was engrossed and duly signed by the Revs. G. Lane, J. W. Holden, and C. W. Brisc[o]mbe, presidents of their respective conferences, at a special meeting held in the Centenary Hall, Sydney, on April 30, 1901, and, the president of the general conference having intimated in writing that he saw no reason for exercising his power of disallowance, these facts were duly reported to and recorded by the general conference in May last. During the year, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the united meeting of the conferences on March 6, 1901, the council gave its consent to the sale of the Primitive Methodist property in Albion-street, Sydney, for £3000, and to the distribution of the proceeds as follows:—1. To payment of mortgage on the property, £1200. 2. Donation to the Primitive Methodist Ministers' Supernumerary Fund, £[illegible]. 3. To the Albion-street Circuit Fund, £90. 4. To reduction of debt on Darling on property, £400. 5. Payment of debt on Crown-street property, £400. 6. To reduction of debt on Forest Lodge property, £500. 7. To reduction of debt on Glebe (Mitchell-street) property, £200. The balance of £160 to be held by the Revs. J. W. Holden and J. Penman in trust for the united conference. The Albion-street property has been sold for the sum mentioned, and the proceeds have been distributed as stated. The council has also given its sanction to the sale of the following properties, subject to the approval of the connexional courts concerned:—1. Camden Primitive Methodist Church, proceeds to be held in trust for the united conference. 2. Wallsend and Rockdale Free Methodist Churches, proceeds to be devoted to the discharge of the debts on the respective properties. 3. Waratah, Penrith, and Carrington Primitive Methodist Churches, and portion of Wallsend Wesleyan Parsonage land, proceeds in each case to be devoted to payment of any mortgage, and balance, if any, to go to local trust purposes. 4. Lambton Wesleyan Church building only. Permission was also given for the lease of the Primitive Methodist parsonage and portion of land in Bong Bong-street, Bowral, for one year, an offer for a longer period to be submitted to the federal council. The council gave its consent to applications for immediate amalgamation as follows:—1. Bowral Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist circuits as from January 1, 1902. 2. Newcastle Wesleyan, Newcastle and Stockton Primitive and Cook's Hill portion of Free Methodist circuits, as from January 1, 1902, subject in each case to the consent of the quarterly meetings concerned, and also to the provision that the present financial obligations of each circuit for the first quarter of 1902 to connexional funds be observed, and that the amalgamations shall not affect the rights of the separate circuits to separate representation in the ensuing conference. 3. In the case of the Mitchell-street, Glebe, Primitive Methodist Church, the Glebe-road Wesleyan authorities undertook the oversight of the cause there pending permanent arrangements. The council has given much time and patient investigation to the preparation of a scheme for the amalgamation or readjustment of circuits and churches with a view to their being brought into operation in April next. The results of its labours will be found in the printed recommendations attached to this report. It will be seen from the proposals for the amalgamation and readjustment of the circuits concerned that, while the number of ministerial agents would not be less than the number now employed there would be five more married ministers than there are married men's stations. As in the judgment of the council it is very desirable that all, or at least as many as possible, of the proposed amalgamations and readjustments should take place immediately, special grants should be given to certain circuits in order to assist in defraying the difference of cost between a single and a married man's appointment. Early in the year the council took steps to procure a draft of an Enabling Bill to be presented to Parliament validating the union, and dealing with such matters as require Parliamentary enactment. Mr. W. E. V. Robson, B.A., of Messrs. Robson and Cowlishaw, was appointed solicitor to the bill. That gentleman has given a deal of time and thought to the matter, and in consultation with Mr. A. J. Kelynack, LL.B., has drafted a bill which the council after careful consideration and approval herewith submits to the conference for adoption and presentation to Parliament. In conclusion, the council gratefully recognises the spirit of loyalty to the decision of the conferences which has been displayed by those who from conscientious motives were unable to assist the union movement. Opinions widely differed and convictions were on both sides equally strong, but there is no loss of good feeling and no lack of deference to the judgment of the supreme court of the Church in this State. The committee, therefore, confidently shares the hope expressed by the last general conference that the gathering of the scattered branches of Methodism into compact and vital unity will result in the increased public influence and spiritual power of the Church, the greater glory of God, and the more rapid advancement of Christ's kingdom in these lands.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PROCEDURE.

The Rev. W. H. Beale submitted the report of the committee of procedure. The committee recommended that the business be taken in the following order:—Thursday and Friday: Representative business. Saturday, 9.30 a.m.: Pastoral business, to prepare for second reading. Monday: Morning and afternoon, representative business; evening, stationing committee. Tuesday: Morning, pastoral, second reading of stations; afternoon, meeting of other conferences; evening, representative committee. Wednesday: Morning, afternoon, and evening, representative business. Thursday: Morning, pastoral; afternoon and evening, representative business.

As an amendment the Rev. F. Colwell moved,—"That the business of the temperance and morals committee be fixed for Friday morning, before the holding of the temperance demonstration on Saturday evening." Mr. Fegan seconded the amendment. After discussion the report of the committee as proposed by Mr. Beale was adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Before proceeding to the order of the day the president said that he wished to ask the indulgence of the conference in the position in which he found himself. He hoped that the principle of sanctified common sense would guide them, and that they might not be charged with too many points of order. It was the letter that killed. He did not claim infinite wisdom, but he would strive to be impartial and fair. He felt that he would be guided in proportion to their prayers. (Applause.)

The conference then proceeded to the nomination of laymen to act on the stationing committee, and afterwards adjourned for lunch.

On reassembling the order of the day was called on, the business being the division or alteration of circuits and districts. The report of the federal council was proceeded with. The committee recommended that Bourke-street, Wesley Church, Mount Lachlan, and Cleveland-street Wesleyan circuits remain as at present constituted. The conference agreed. The following are the decisions on the amalgamations and readjustments as submitted by the federal council:—

Wyndham F., Darlington P., Waterloo circuit.—One married minister.

Botany W., Botany P., Botany F., Botany Bay W.—One married minister.

Hay-street W., Pyrmont W., Pyrmont P.—One married minister.

Balmain (Darling-street) W. as now constituted.—One married minister.

Balmain (Montague-street) W. and Elliott-street F.—One married minister.

Balmain West W., Drummoyne W., Balmain P.—One married minister and probationer.

Newtown W., St. Peters P., Erskineville W., Camdenville W.—Two married ministers.

Stanmore W., Marrickville W., Marrickville P., Tempe Park W., Tempe W., Warren P.—Two married ministers and one probationer.

Annandale P.—One married minister.

Glebe W., Toxteth W., Forest Lodge P., Mitchell-street P., Camperdown W.—One married minister and one probationer.

Leichhardt W., Helsarmel W., Leichhardt P.—One married minister.

Lewisham W. circuit as now constituted, with Dulwich Hill P.—One married minister and one probationer.

Rockdale W. circuit as now constituted, with Rockdale P.—One married minister.

Parramatta W. and P. circuits as now constituted to be amalgamated.—Two married ministers.

Wollongong W. and P. circuits as now constituted to be amalgamated.—Three married ministers.

Lithgow W. and P. circuits to be amalgamated.—Two married ministers.

Kempsey W. circuit as now constituted and Kempsey P. and Upper Macleay P. to form one circuit.—Two married ministers.

Gladstone W. circuit as now constituted and Lower Macleay P. to form one circuit.—One married minister.

Goulburn W. circuit as now constituted to be called Goldsmith-street circuit.—One married minister.

Goulburn P. circuit (except Big Hill) to be called Lagoon-street circuit.—One married minister.

Bowral W. and P. circuits to be amalgamated with the addition of Big Hill from Goulburn P. circuit.—One married minister and one probationer.

Newcastle W., Newcastle P., Cook's Hill F., Stockton P., Hamilton W., Wickham P., Tighe's Hill P., Wickham W., Broadmeadow P., Carrington W., Carrington P.—Two married ministers.

Burwood P., Burwood W., Glebe F., Old Racecourse P.—One married minister.

Adamstown P., Cardiff P., Charlestown P., Dudley P., Belmont P., Warner's Bay P., Belmont F.—One married minister.

Wallsend W., Minmi P., Minmi F., Plattsburg P., Lambton W. and P., Jesmond P., Young Wallsend W., New Lambton P., Boolaroo W., West Wallsend F., Wakefield P., Teralba P.—Two married ministers.

Mayfield W., Waratah W. and P.—One married minister.

Morpeth W. and P., Miller's Forest F., Thornton F., Tarro W., The Mountain W., Hexham W. and P., Raymond Terrace W., Panding Ground W., Medowie W., Albion W., Anna Bay W., Nelson's Bay W., Nelson's Plains W., Wallalong W.—Two married ministers.

Catherine Hill Bay P., The Mine P.—One probationer.

The matter of the readjustment of Liverpool, Granville, and Homebush circuits has been remitted to the circuit officials for further consideration and report, with a view to amalgamation next year. A communication from the Hay-street and Pyrmont circuit was read and discussed. On the resolution of the Rev. Joseph Beale it was resolved that the Primitive Methodist properties in the Tamworth circuit at Bowling Alley Point, Hanging Rock, and Nundle form a part of the present circuit at Tamworth.

The Rev. J. E. Carruthers moved that the circumstances and needs of the circuits in which amalgamations have been effected, and to which grants were recommended, be remitted to the favourable consideration of the distribution committee.

The Rev. F. C. Boyer said that arrangements had been made to take a photographic group of the members of the conference on the Town Hall steps to-day at 12.30 for reproduction in the "Sydney Mail."

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REV. G. LANE.

Rev. Dr. Brown, as a matter of privilege, moved,—"That this conference hereby presents to the Rev. G. Lane its respectful and hearty congratulations upon his election as president of the Australasian General Conference, and expresses its appreciation of the wisdom and efficiency with which he conducted the business of the conference, and prays that under his wise and judicious presidency the Church may enjoy continued prosperity." The Rev. G. Lane, he said, possessed the love and affection of all the brethren, and with great sincerity and much pleasure he moved the resolution.

The Rev. J. W. Holden said that he had been brought into fellowship and touch with the Rev. G. Lane, and esteemed him very highly, and the late Primitive Methodist Church was delighted when they heard of his election to the chair of the general conference. He cordially seconded the resolution.

The conference, with great approbation, passed the vote of thanks.

The Rev. G. Lane, in thanking the conference, trusted that he would at all times be endued with the wisdom necessary to act aright.

The conference adjourned at 5.30 till 10 o'clock to-day.

THE ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

The annual conference missionary meeting was held last night, when Mr. J. Cook, M.P., presided, and there was a large attendance.

The chairman in opening the meeting said he had always taken a keen interest in missionary affairs, and was pleased to note the success shown in the report. There were over 80 missionary societies in the world, with a total of over 6000 missions, and the income of the societies was over £2,000,000 annually. They represented a great organisation of force. The result was that there were now two and a half millions of Christians under their sway.

The Rev. Dr. Brown presented the annual report, which, he said, was the first since the union of the Methodist churches in the large area in which the operations of the society have been carried on, with the exception of the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand and the Free Church of Tonga. For that union they were profoundly thankful, and they looked forward in confident hope that the two outstanding churches would soon be included. The outlook for that in Tonga was far more promising than it had been since the sad disruption in 1884. The reports from the several districts for the past year showed that the great missionary work, which will in future be carried on by the United Church, is at the present time in full vigorous and healthy life. From the commencement of the work to the present time there had been no failure to report, and the only station ever occupied by the society in which work was not now successfully carried on was that of Port Darwin, in the Northern Territory of Australia. As to Samoa, the report showed that the mission was begun in 1828. The missionaries there, as in New Britain, had received nothing but encouragement and help from the German authorities. The people were being governed with kindly consideration and forbearance. At Fiji the mission dated from 1835, and it might be said that in no part of the Pacific was there a more cruel and savage race than were the Fijians before the reception of Christianity. It should also be said that there was no part of the world where the preaching of the Gospel of Christ had been more signally blessed than in Fiji. Referring to New Britain and the large group of islands under that name, the mission started in 1875, when there was not a white man in the group, and the people were wild, naked savages. The change which had taken place since then in the life, thoughts, and character of the people who live within the sphere of mission influence could only be fully realised by those who had lived and laboured amongst them. In New Guinea, which, from a Methodist point of view, is a new mission, the efforts made had proved most successful. Indeed, they might be said to have been the most successful missions ever undertaken by the Methodist Church. Dobu, Kiriwina, and Murua, in addition to other stations had sent glowing reports of the numbers of converts added to the church. In the Solomon Islands, New Georgia would be the place where the new mission would be established during the present year. There would be found a fine field for Christian mission work amongst that remarkable people. The church had also a mission in connection with the Hindoos and natives of India employed on the Fijian plantations, and it was intended to apply to England for the appointment of trained Indian workers to assist in carrying out this important work. As to the work amongst the Chinese, reference was made in the report to the great loss which the church had sustained in the death of the Rev. J. Tear Tack, who was in charge of the mission to Chinese at Cairns. The Rev. J. Prowse had taken up the work. The mission in Victoria amongst the Chinese was now being carried on by Mr. Moy Long, with a number of trained Chinese catechists.

The president of the conference (the Rev. W. W. Rutledge) moved,—"That the report which has been presented be adopted. That this meeting, which is the first conference missionary meeting of the united Methodist Churches of this State, gratefully acknowledges the goodness of God in the many blessings which He has bestowed on the labours of our missionaries and native agents in the several districts which are under the care of this society. It commends the great missionary work to the care and sympathy of the united Church, and resolves, with the aid of the large accession of friends and supporters now received, on yet further efforts for the maintenance and extension of our work in the mission fields."

The Rev. W. Slade, of Fiji, in seconding the resolution, said that in his opinion, the real work of the missionary was not at the beginning, but somewhere towards the end, when the real stubborn work began. Although Fiji was considered as an old station, it was still in a state that required all the attention that could be given it.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. E. J. Piper moved,—"That this meeting, whilst acknowledging the obligations to maintain our existing missions in full efficiency, records its opinion that the consummation of the union of the several Methodist Churches in the Commonwealth should be distinguished by the institution and carrying on of new and aggressive work for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ in the world, and specially commends to the united Church the new mission to New Georgia in the Solomon Islands, the missions to China, to the Chinese of Australia, and to the Indian population of Fiji as being specially worthy of the prayers, sympathy, and practical help of its members." He said that they were aware that the consummation of the Methodist union had brought several thousand persons closer to foreign mission work, and he thought they might look forward with great hope to a determined forward movement.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. W. J. Chambers moved and the Rev. J. S. Austin seconded a vote of thanks to the board of management, the general treasurers, the general secretary, and the organising secretary for the valuable services they had rendered to the society; also to the treasurer and secretaries of the auxiliary and branch societies, and to the collectors and contributors to the funds of the Australasian Methodist Missions.

The motion was carried.

THE NEW HEBRIDES.

The late Wesleyan Conference having sent a communication to the Commonwealth Government with reference to the New Hebrides, the following reply was laid by the Rev. G. Lane on the table:—

"Sir,—I have the honour, by direction of the Right Hon. the Prime Minister, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th instant, embodying the terms of a resolution of your conference with regard to the New Hebrides, and to inform you that steps have been taken to bring the condition of affairs in that group fully and prominently before the Imperial authorities, and that the Government of the Commonwealth intend to maintain due vigilance in regard to the matter.—ATLEE HUNT, Secretary."

WESLEYANS AND LOYALTY.

When the Prince and Princess of Wales were visiting Sydney the Wesleyan Church authorities presented an address expressing their loyalty to the throne and person of the King. A copy of the reply by the Prince of Wales, which has already been published, was presented to the conference.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO MR. F. J. WALKER.

The directors of the Lin Yik Tong and some of the leading Chinese merchants tendered a complimentary dinner last night in the Elite Hall, Queen Victoria Markets, to Mr. F. J. Walker, shipping manager of the China Navigation Company, who is about to make a visit to China. After a good repast Mr. Quong Tart, who presided, proposed the toasts of "The King," "The Chinese Emperor," and "The Governor-General," which were duly honoured. Mr. Tart then gave the toast of "Our Guest," which was suitably responded to by Mr. Walker. "Shipping and Commerce" was proposed by Mr. Sun Johnson and replied to by Messrs. Prosser, Thompson, and Harrison, representing the three lines of steamers trading to the Far East. Mr. E. A. P. Whiteley, the State Commercial Agent for the Far East, proposed "The Lin Yik Tong," and referred to the good work it was doing amongst the Chinese here. A presentation of a beautiful Mosgiel rug was made to Mr. Walker, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner.

Mr. Walker was yesterday the recipient also of a handsome travelling bag from the office staff, and a liqueur stand from the wharf employees of the company.

The South Australian School of Mines and Industries, with its chief officers, is illustrated in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

THE RIFLE TEAM FOR ENGLAND.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE N.R.A.

NEW SOUTH WALES TO BE REPRESENTED.

THE COMMONWEALTH COUNCIL CRITICISED.

A special meeting of the council of the National Rifle Association of New South Wales was held last night at the offices, O'Connell-street. Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Longfield (chairman), presided over a full attendance, which included Brigadier-General Finn (Commandant), Colonel Roberts, C.M.G. (military secretary), and Colonel Mackenzie, A.A.G.

The object of the meeting was to consider a communication received from Lieutenant-Colonel Davies (hon. secretary Commonwealth Council of Rifle Associations) in regard to the proposal to send a Commonwealth rifle team to Bisley, and to deal with the question of the future representation of each State association, reconsidering the necessity or otherwise of altering the constitution in regard to the equal representation on the council.

The letter, which was dated Hobart, February 17, stated that it was proposed to send a team to England, under the auspices of the Commonwealth Council of Australia, to take part in the Kolapore Cup competition to be fired at Bisley in July next. Sir Edward Hutton had expressed his entire approval of the scheme, and had stated that he would support it in every way. In a second letter, dated February 22, Lieutenant-Colonel Davies stated that the Commonwealth Government had approved of £2000 being placed on the Additional Estimates to defray the necessary expenses of the team to compete at Bisley in July next, on condition that the team consists of eight members and three waiting (emergency) members, under command of an officer, all of whom shall belong to the Defence Forces. In accordance with the above a special meeting of the council would be held in Melbourne on March 5 to make the necessary arrangements.

The chairman said that, although the New South Wales Association had withdrawn from the Commonwealth Council and did not recognise it officially, still, in the best interests of rifle shooting, and so that New South Wales would be represented in the team for Bisley, he thought they should send two representatives to attend the meeting on Wednesday next.

Mr. H. E. Mills moved, and Mr. E. J. Brown seconded,—"That this council agrees to send two representatives to take part in the meeting."

Captain Newmarsh asked why should they pander to the Commonwealth Council, a body which they had absolutely repudiated.

The chairman pointed out that the New South Wales Association was not asked to join that council. They could not well send a team to England without New South Wales being represented.

Lieutenant-Colonel Oldershaw said it appeared to him that they could not do without the assistance of New South Wales. He thought that the matter of the reconstruction of the council was of more importance than the sending away of the team. As Major-General Sir Edward Hutton was going to preside, and he was a man of progressive ideas, it was very necessary that New South Wales should have delegates present. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. George Douglass said that members should sink their feelings against the council, and act in the best interests of the riflemen of New South Wales. They should send delegates. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. H. Dakin thought it was the duty of the council to send representatives, inasmuch as Lieutenant-Colonel Davies had stated that the reconstruction of the council would be considered. Personally, he felt that the money could be put to better use. It seemed to him an absolute waste of money when they could not procure magazine rifles for the rifle clubs. He had to go round periodically borrowing these rifles to enable members of his club to compete against regimental clubs that had them.

The chairman said he agreed with Mr. Dakin in regard to the rifles, but at the same time they must consider that the Commonwealth Council had been recognised to a certain extent by Major-General Hutton, and they should take part in the movement.

The motion was put and carried almost unanimously.

Lieutenant-Colonel Longfield and Lieutenant-Colonel Oldershaw were appointed to represent the association. It was resolved that they report on the result of the meeting on March 12. Mr. Dakin thought that the council should draw up the conditions that night for the test matches. The chairman favoured a sub-committee being appointed to frame regulations and to present them to the next council meeting. The team would not leave until May, and three days' tests could be held towards the end of March or beginning of April. It was resolved that the executive committee of the council draft the necessary regulations.

Brigadier-General Finn said that he had listened with interest to the discussion. He was not prepared to make any suggestions that New South Wales should climb down from the position it had taken up on the question of the Commonwealth Council, but he thought that it was quite right that they should meet half-way, and he would suggest that the New South Wales representatives while in Melbourne should try and get the matter settled so that in future New South Wales should be embraced with the other five States on the council. They were five to one against us, and he did not think it was wise in the early days of federation that the New South Wales Association should cut itself adrift from the five other bodies. He was not in a position to criticise the reasons why they refused to join the Commonwealth Council. It would never do, he said in conclusion, for New South Wales not to be represented in the Bisley team. (Hear, hear.)

The chairman explained that one of the principal reasons for New South Wales withdrawing from the council was because they objected to each State having equal representation. A large body like the National Association was only entitled to two delegates, whilst Tasmania also had two.

The meeting then adjourned.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In view of the fact that it is proposed to send a rifle team to Bisley to represent the Commonwealth in the annual competitions held there, many of the riflemen of this State are beginning to wonder who will be invited to make the trip. Now, Sir, as an old rifleman I think that there should be no preference given to anyone until most exhaustive tests have taken place, and then the men with the best averages (not "highest individual score") should be sent to uphold Australian honour, be they military men or civilians. We have some wonderful shots in our midst, many of them belonging to neither rifle club nor volunteer force, and it would not be a "representative" team if these were excluded.

I am, &c.,
LARAKEAH.

CANDELO SHOW.

CANDELO, Thursday.

The Candelo Agricultural Society's annual show was continued to-day. The weather was boisterous. A high westerly wind was blowing for the greater part of the day. The attendance was about 1200. The following are the awards in the horse and the other sections:—

Blood stallions: Shannon and Cochrane's Retford, 1. Colts: John Otton. Geldings: John Otton. Foals: J. Wilson, jun. Mares: J. Wilson, jun. Mares—Dry: W. Wrixon. Draught Horses—Stallion: W. Parker. Colts or Gelding: A. M'Naught. Mare: C. Black. Filly: J. J. Collins. Foals: C. Black. Filly: J. J. Collins. Foals: C. Black.

Saddle Horses.—Heavy hack: John Otton; light hack: Hy. Underhill; ladies' hack: Amy Underhill and A. H. Schubacks. Special high jump: A. Hukins. Maiden jump: A. Hukins. Pony: S. Glen, jun. Pony—13 to 14 hands: F. A. Alcock. Pony—13 hands: A. Potter. Heavy buggy pair: Underhill and Potter. Light buggy pair: J. M. Wrixon. Heavy buggy horse: A. Potter. Light buggy horse: C. Black. Spring-cart horse: A. M'Naught. Buggy ponies: F. A. Alcock. Pony in single harness: Miss Harvey. Pony under 13 hands—Single harness: A. Potter. Sulky turnout: A. Potter. Lady driving: Miss Wren. Boy bareback riding: C. Collins. Boy rider: D. H. Binnie. Boy rider over jumps: C. Collins. Cavalry horse: J. Otton. Tandem team: Potter and Underhill. Pulling horse: C. Black. Girl rider: Ethel Binnie. Walking horse: C. Black. Hunting contest: C. Black. Boy and girl rider: A. H. Binnie.

Cattle.—Milking prizes—Cows milked on farm: R. L. Tooth, 1; J. J. Collins, 2; Foley Brothers, 3. Special: R. L. Tooth's Velvet Jersey (morning's milk 27¼lb., test 4·4, evening's milk 11¼lb., test 6·3, butter fat 1·93, butter 3·26), 1; R. L. Tooth's Coral Jersey (morning's milk 22lb., test 4, evening's milk 11lb., test 4·8, butter fat 1·4, butter 2·24), 2; W. F. Darragh's Jersey cow (morning's milk 16½lb., test 4, evening's milk 11½lb., test 5·2, butter fat 1·2, butter 2·19), 3; W. J. Collins's Waratah Jersey and shorthorn (19lb. 14oz. morning, test 3·2, evening 13lb. 8½oz., test 5·4, butter fat 1·36, butter 2·17), 4. There were 16 entries. Milking prize on the ground: R. L. Tooth's Coral (weight of milk 28lb. 8½oz., test 4, butter fat ·92, butter 1·47), 1; R. L. Tooth's Lady Duff (weight of milk 21lb. 14oz., test 3·6, butter fat ·76, butter ·89), 2; W. J. Collins's Dairy Shorthorn (milk 22lb. 9oz., test 3·1, butter fat ·69, butter ·81), 3. Mrs. E. A. Blomfield and Dr. Bruce, special. Best dairy cow tried on the ground, Babcock test and appearance: R. L. Tooth's Coral, 1; R. L. Tooth's Lady Duff, 2; W. J. Collins's Daisy, 3.

An afternoon tea tent was carried out on both days of the show by the assistance of the ladies of the district, on behalf of the funds of the show, under the management of Mrs. C. H. Brooks, and realised the sum of £17.

A most successful ball was held last night in the School of Arts in aid of the society. It was carried out by Messrs. M. Pike and F. Porter, and returned £17 13s. To-night a Cinderella dance will take place for the same purpose. Altogether the anticipations of the committee of the annual show are considered likely to be realised.

POSTE RESTANTE.

"G.W." writes:—"After an experience of nearly 10 years I cannot endorse the complaint of your correspondent, A. F. Miller, on the above subject, for I have met with invariable courtesy and quick delivery, both of letters and newspapers, each week at the hands of the Sydney Post Office employees.

DON'T LOOK OLD.

With advancing years greyness increases. Stop this with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour and preserves the appearance. Lockyer's Restorer is made in England only.—Advt.

The following illustrations will be found to be of interest to readers of this week's "Sydney Mail":—Two Fox-Terrier Champions, R. A. Duff, the Scoring-boards of the Fourth Test Match, "Australian Cricketers," Lady Hutton, Miss Greenaway, Argyle Co-operative Central Dairy Factory, Cooma Racing Club, and Picnic to Major-General French.—Advt.

One of the chief features of this week's "Sydney Mail" is an interesting and fully illustrated article by "Sylvan," entitled "Land Settlement in Queensland: Repurchased Estates for Selection."—Advt.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—February 27.

Oonah, s., 1757 tons, Captain J. Gibb, from Hobart. Passengers—Mesdames Gordon, Clarke, Burgess and 2 children, Worrall, Grey-Smith and maid, Yates, Smith, Burkett (2), Amor and 3 children, Moir, Forsyth, Downs, Fitch, Watson and child, Goddard, Wilcox, Gibbons, Hines, Kendall, Baum, Fox, Jackson, Doyley, Allsop, Ryan, Thompson, Millidge, Scott, Bourne, Misses Henry, Palfreyman, Dwyer, Moskell, Oldham, Beuse, Begbie, Eaton, Hood, Price, Fitch, F. Smith, Walton Smith, Trevenack, Lynch, Wright, Levi, O'Neill, Hungerford, Corcoran, Begg, Scott, Messrs Gordon, Burgess, Blacklow, R. Grey-Smith, J. D. Forsyth, A. J. Cooper, E. B. Shaw, C. Allbut, P. E. Smith, S. A. Tilley, E. Owen, W. Ware, Goddard, A. J. Smith, T. P. Davern, H. Teakle, J. Hinds, A. Passau, S. Loney, J. G. Fox, R. Baum, M. A. Shaw, W. Reid, Jackson, E. Roberts, Allsop, Hall, Vincent, Johnstone, K. Thompson, Millidge, Begg, H. J. Bourne, J. Susman, Drs. Worrall, Burkett (2), Jarvie Hood, H. B. Wade, Hall, Parry, M'Dowall, M'Murray, H. Harris, Bucknell, T. W. Burgess, Kendall, P. J. Kelly, H. Kirkland, Crawley, Hucho, and 24 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Marloo, s., 2524 tons, Captain Knight, from Western Australia, via ports. Passengers—Messrs. Thomas, W. J. Duncan, Davis, P. A. Smith, H. Powys, W. J. Hyde, Kennedy, Byron, Harvey, M. G. Goodchild, C. R. Howard, L. Duncan, C. W. Hibbs, Craven, Fawcett, Lethby, Derham, R. Coutts, Corven, Whitehouse, Budden, Vaughan, F. Stump, M'Coy, Loughman, Stevenson, Levy, Parletto, and Master Patterson; Mesdames Thomas, Hanley, M'Gree, R. Hughes and boy, C. Fox, S. Fox, K. Byron, Downes and child, Fawcett, Lethby, Hair, Budden, and M'Coy, Misses Barrow, Chantrell, Scrymgour, Taverner, Harrison, Fawcett, R. Hunt, Duncan, Flood (2), Willmott, Horne, and 41 in the steerage. For Brisbane: Messrs. W. Bowman, Langton, N. H. Williams, Mrs. M'Donald. For Townsville: Mr. O. Williams. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Adelaide, s., 1711 tons, Captain D. P. Davies, from Brisbane. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Dorsett, Mr. Twomey, Mr. Winterbottom and son, Mr. R. G. Lackey, Mr. A. Burgeson, Mr. W. F. Krebs, Mr. A. Krebs, Mr. F. Wilson, Mr. Doyle, Mr. John P. Wilson, Mr. Covacich, Miss C. Linwood, Miss E. Linwood, Mrs. Stokes, Miss M. Evans, Miss E. M'Namara, Miss Blackstock, Mr. Percy Jackson, Mr. Narcombe, Mrs. Knox, Mr. John Reid, Mr. Alberto, Miss M. Davis, Miss C. Mitchell, Mrs. Howes child and nurse, Miss Gill, Mr. Gibson, Miss Ennis, and 26 in the steerage.

City of Grafton, s., 825 tons, Captain W. Slater, from Clarence River. Passengers—Mesdames Leeson, Gibbs, Briggs, M'Grath, and Cummins, Misses Freeman, Casey, Mackiney, Martin, and Dunn, Messrs. Comander, Speyers, Thomas, Kilner, Cosgrove, Trenor, E. Arnold, Rothwell, Ellis, Grundy, H. M'Grath, Goodall, Coslett, Cummins, and Gardner; and 12 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Saint George, s., 486 tons, Captain B. Alley, from Richmond River. Passengers—Mesdames Rutherford, Nolan, Pidcock, Welsh, Daley, Baine, Misses Anderson, Pidcock, Baine, Macfarlane (2), Richardson, Rogers, Alcorn, Daley, Town, M'Nulty, Condon, Rutherford, Messrs. Yeager, Muldoon, Brown, Rutherford, Town, Williams, Wearne, Anderson, Daley, Jarman (2). North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Macleay, s., 308 tons, Captain W. A. Baillie, from Richmond River. Passengers—Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Sheather, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Sheather, Rev. Bathgate, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Walters, and 2 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Wyoming, s., 298 tons, Captain Dick, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Barrabool, s., 982 tons, Captain Mills, from South Australian ports. Howard Smith, Limited, agents.

Lubra, s., 486 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s., 1251 tons, Captain M. Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Buninyong, s., 2070 tons, Captain J. Selmes, from Newcastle. Howard Smith, Limited, agents.

Ben Dearg, ship, 2183 tons, Captain Webster, from Liverpool. Dalton Brothers, agents.

Excelsior, s., 270 tons, Captain Anderson, from Tweed River. Passenger—Mr. Davidson. G. W. Nicoll, agent.

Lodore, barque, 1308 tons, Captain Killey, from London. Briscoe and Co., Limited, agents.

Mokoia, s., 3540 tons, Captain Spanks, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Moira, s., 2260 tons, Captain Watt, from Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Langton Grange, s., 3850 tons, Captain Crichton, from Queensland ports. Houlder Brothers, Limited, agents.

Barwon, s., 2980 tons, Captain Bell, from Melbourne. Huddart, Parker, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—February 27.

Sophocles, s., for Newcastle.
Buninyong, s., for Melbourne.
Birksgate, s., for Fiji, via Noumea.
Fiona, s., for Fiji.
Mokoia, s., for Newcastle.
Barrabool, s., for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—February 28.

Gulf of Genoa, s., for South Africa and London, via ports; Quiraing, s., for Noumea; Barwon, s., for Melbourne and Geelong; Rockton, s., for Melbourne; Ariel, American four-masted schooner, for Mahukona, via Newcastle; Newcastle, s., for Newcastle; Burrawong, s., for Macleay River; City of Grafton, s., for Richmond River; Hawkesbury, s., and Narara, s., for Hawkesbury River and Newport; Kingsley, s., for Cape Hawke; Woy Woy, s., for Gosford and Wyong; Commonwealth, s., for Cape Hawke and Wallamba River; Augusta, s., for Tweed River; Dorrigo, s., for Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga; Excelsior, s., for Tweed River; Coomonderry, s., for Moruya; Peterborough, s., for Shellharbour; I. S. N. Company's steamer for Wollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven.

CLEARANCES.—February 27.

Birksgate, s., 1453 tons, Captain C. A. Thorpe, for Fiji ports, via Noumea. Passengers—Mrs. Freeman and 2 children, Mrs. Anderson and infant, Mr. R. F. Freeman, Mr. C. H. Lamb, Mr. F. Hunter, Mr. L. Mitchell, Mr. A. C. Stuart-Wright, Mr. V. Adits, M. J. Anderson, J. W. Sidney, H. L. Plunkett, Mr. C. A. Drury, Mr. R. L. Alcock, Mr. John Anderson, also 12 in the steerage.

Mokoia, s., 3541 tons, Captain Spanks, for Newcastle, in ballast.

Odd, Norwegian barque, 1054 tons, Captain A. Larsen, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Barrabool, s., 982 tons, Captain H. Mills, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

Fiona, s., 817 tons, Captain H. Gair, for Suva.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—February 27.

Theresa, ketch, Captain T. Kennedy, for Broken Bay; Aola, schooner, Captain G. F. Slater, for Broken Bay; Jeera, ketch, Captain Gatling, for Nambucca River.

IMPORTS.—February 27.

Lodore, barque, from London: 2245 kegs white lead, 1550 cases and 50 half-hogsheads sauce and vinegar, 145 cases herrings, 2251 half-cases 174 boxes and barrels gunpowder, 1193 steel rails, 61,810 bricks and 62 casks bricks, 2300 cases starch, 800 cases spirits, 912 barrels oil, 1146 bundles steel, 718 cases fish, 840 packages paint and colour, 267 casks whiting, 25 cases castor oil, 456 tons pigiron, 200 kegs red lead, 20 barrels safety fuse, 1280 oven tiles, 112 bundles shovels, 42 cases safety cartridges, 402 packages drapery, &c., 552 cases and 20 quarter-casks brandy, 125 cases limejuice, 287 cases matches, 102 packages holloware, 110 bags ginger, 50 casks saltpetre, 64 packages linoleum, 175 iron plates, 12 bundles and 36 wheels, 60 cases galvanised iron, 20 cases squibs, 176 bundles tubes, 172 cases bolts, nuts, and screws, 152 cases druggists' goods, 37 packages writing paper, 72 packages hardware, 175 packages tar and tapioca, 20 cases glue, 120 axle arms, 40 casks clay, 35 casks ink, 27 drums disinfectants, 20 drums carbolic acid, 63 grindstones, 103 bundles printing paper, 20 casks ploughshares, 324 packages floorcloth, 106 boxes brushboards, 130 tons scrapiron, 125 cases and 15 quarter-casks wine, 100 tons old railway chairs, 60 cases tea lead, 70 cases coffee essence, 94 packages blacking, 50 cases borax, 20 bundles forks, 380 cases pickles and sauce, 175 cases gin, 50 cases rum, 125 cases and 10 quarter-casks whisky, 198 bales printed matter, 100 cases food, 239 bundles steel, 16 cases boot polish, 17 cases plaster of paris, 20 cases oilcloth, 132 packages rum, 79 bales wrapping paper, 50 cases stout, and sundries.

Superb, barque, from New York: 203 cases axes and hatchets, 850 cases benzine, 37 packages blacking, 400 slates butter dishes, 10 barrels cottonseed oil, 18 cases bolts, 48 cases chairs, 580 packages canned goods, 220 packages carriage woodware, 1403 cases clothes pins, 20 packages churns, 20 crates chair seats, 60 packages dry goods and domestics, 150 cases drugs and medicines, 20 cases detonators, 15 packages furniture, 228 cases fire arms and cartridges, 811 packages grease, 200 boxes grape sugar, 180 barrels glucose, 25 cases gasoline, 14 cases grain mills, 328 cases handles, 386 packages hardware, 115 cases kalsomine, 11,863ft. oak, 47,916ft. shelving, 114,167ft. yellow pine, 642ft. ash, 62,188ft. sycamore, 713ft. walnut, 14,109ft. white pine, 2400 pieces staves, 927 packages lamp and glassware, 186 packages lubricating oil, 22 cases ladders, 20 kegs nails and tacks, 250 cases naphtha, 445 single and 88 packages oars, 11 cases oiled goods, 10 barrels pitch, 785 barrels plaster, 147 packages paper, 75 bundles paper bags, 11 cases paint, 104 packages roofing paper, 750 barrels rosin, 58,790 pieces roofing slate, 28 cases shovels, 18 packages sewing machines, 350 cases turpentine, 17 cases tinware, 50 barrels tar, 40 cases turntables, 23 cases tubs, 8061 bundles wire, 22 packages wheelbarrows, 472 bundles washboards, 25 rolls wrapping paper, 30 cases woodenware.

Ben Dearg, ship, from Glasgow: 624 bags salt, 885 drums caustic soda, 25 packages boracic acid, 770 tons rock salt, 418 packages soda ash, 55 casks alum, 281 packages earthenware, 320 kegs borax, 600 reels barbed wire, 150 cases whisky, 1348 bars and 1189 bundles iron, 12 casks clay, 800 cases stout, 1071 boxes tinplates, 740 bundles hoopiron, 1050 cases beer, 23 packages nails, 3300 bricks, 15 tanks soap extract, 112 packages samples, 14 cases mangles, 60 kegs sulphate soda, 10 barrels rum, 400 kegs sulphate solution, 400 kegs bicarbonate soda, 50 barrels oil, 50 barrels cod oil, 100 drums linseed oil, 219 packages paper, 648 packages drapery and fine goods, 125 packages starch, 40 cases sheepshears, 60 bales waste, 2439 pots, 150 cases window glass, 34 cases bedsteads, 35 cases slates, 120 packages shooks and heads, 100 pairs wheels and axles, 56 drums varnish, 65 frames felt, 33 packages tiles, 150 kegs chlorate potash, 20 packages carpets and linoleums, 500 bundles fishplates, 2036 rails, and sundries.

City of Grafton, s., from Clarence River: 945 bags maize, 8 bags skins, 17 bags bones, 128 bags sugar, 5 bags hair, 5 cases cream, 3 bags pumpkins, 20 tons scrapiron, 9 packages machinery, 9 bales skins, 2 calves, 114 cases eggs, 2 cases honey, 36 cases fish, 11 casks tallow, 21 coops poultry, 1 horse, 78 hides, 351 boxes butter, 30 pigs, and 50 packages sundries.

Saint George, s., from Richmond River: 40 bags maize, 15 bags bones, 38 bags oysters, 3 bales sheepskins, 14 bales millet, 33 cases eggs, 25 cases honey, 6 cases fish, 5218ft. boxwood, 2 casks tallow, 9 coops poultry, 28 hides and 40 bags hides, 662 cases butter, 20 pigs, 29,244ft. sawn timber, 72 packages sundries.

Oonah, s., from Hobart: 8616 cases 2068 half-cases fruit, 198 bags green peas, 318 cases pulp, 333 cases jam, 130 bags bark, 394 bags barley, 8 bales hops, 33 hogsheads ale, 12,500ft. timber, and 47 sheep.

Excelsior, s., from Tweed River and Coff's Harbour: 22 hardwood logs, 10 cedar logs, 9 pine logs, 400 sleepers, 100 casks molasses, 2 pieces machinery, and sundries.

Adelaide, s., from Brisbane: 350 sacks 6464 bags sugar, 586 sacks bones, 779 cases fruit, 10 sacks oysters, and sundries.

Barrabool, s., from Wallaroo: 26,710 ingots copper, 2020 pigs lead.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: February 27, Yaralla, s., from Rockhampton; Arawatta, s., from Cooktown, Barcoo, s., from Townsville; Innamincka, s., from Melbourne; Orestes from Sydney. Departures: February 27, Allinga, s., for Cairns; Aorangi, s., for Vancouver; Solingen, s., for Amsterdam.

KEPPEL BAY.—Arrival: February 27, Duke of Westminster, s., from London. Departure: Peregrine, s., for Townsville.

CAIRNS.—Arrival: February 27, Wodonga, s., from Brisbane. Departure: February 26, Karaweera, s., for Brisbane.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Passed: February 27, Celtic, s., from Manila, at noon, south. Departure: February 26, Merrie England, s., for New Guinea.

YAMBA.—Arrival: February 27, Kallatina, s., from Sydney. February 27, Carin, schooner, ready for sea.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: February 27, Ramanan, s., from Adelaide; Moira, s., from Brisbane; Battle Abbey, barque, from Melbourne; Rowena, four-masted barque, from Table Bay; Williams, s., from Port Stephens; Helen Nicoll, s., Tamar, s., Namoi, s., Timaru, s., Kolya, s., Balmain, s., Mokoia, s., Sophocles, s., Countess of Errol, Isabella, schooners, from Sydney; Craiglands, barque, from Table Bay. Departures: February 27, Kamona, s., for Devonport, via Kembla, with 450 tons coal; Sava, barque, for Valparaiso, with 1535 tons Wallsend coal; Bass Rock, barque, for Mollendo, with 1312 tons Seaham coal; Mokoia, s., for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1180 tons coal, 15 tons coke; Moira, s., for Brisbane, via Sydney, with 800 tons coal, 30 cases biscuits; Barwon, s., for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 4400 tons coal, 20 tons coke; Helen Nicoll, s., Tamar, s., Timaru, s., Balmain, s., Namoi, s., for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: February 27, Leura, s., at 5.25 p.m., north.

QUEENSCLIFF.—February 27, the Oonah cleared the heads at 5.45 p.m., for Sydney.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: February 27, Australia, s., from Low Head; Australian, s., from Hongkong; Sarpedon, s., from Hobart; Afric, s., from Liverpool; Aramac, s., from Sydney; Orion, s., from Burnie; Flora, s., from Devonport. Departures: February 27, Oonah, R.M.S., and Osborne, s., for Sydney; Coogee, s., for Launceston; Kadina and ship Amulree, for Newcastle; Barrier, s., for Newcastle.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: February 27, Arcadia, R.M.S., from Melbourne; Paroo, s., from Fremantle; Rostock, s., from Antwerp; Loch Rannoch, barque, from Glasgow. Departures: February 27, Anglian, s., for Melbourne; Bungaree, s., for Melbourne; Herzogin Sophie Charlotte, German training ship, for the United Kingdom; Arcadia, R.M.S., for London; Laira, barque, for New Zealand; Corio, s., for Newcastle.

ALBANY.—Departures: February 7, Custodian, s., for Durban; Constance, for London. Passed: February 27, Moonta, s., for Fremantle; Woolwich, s., for Melbourne.

FREMANTLE.—Arrivals: February 27, Annam, s., from Marseilles; Nemesis, s., Wollowra, s., from the East. Departures: February 26, Australien, s., for Marseilles; Oceana, R.M.S., for the East. February 27, Kalgoorlie, s., for the East; Kadina, s., for Guam.

COSSACK.—Departure: February 26, Minilya, s., for Port Hedland.

GERALDTON.—Arrival: February 26, Perth, s., from Fremantle.

(From the Board at the Telegraph Office.)

TWEED HEADS.—Passed: February 27, small white-painted ketch at 7 a.m., Burwah, s., at 8.30 a.m., both north.

BYRON BAY.—Arrival: February 27, Cavanba, s., at 1 p.m.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Passed: February 27, John Williams, s., at 9.5 a.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: February 27, Kallatina, s., at 5.25 a.m.

BELLINGER HEADS.—Departure: February 27, Zelma, ketch, at noon, for Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Departure: February 27, Rosedale, s., at 11 a.m.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrival: February 27, Defender, s., at 6.55 a.m., from Newcastle.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: February 27, Oakland, s., at 12.20 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrivals: February 27, Trilby, s., at 6.30 a.m.; Sir George, s., at 10.40 a.m., from Sydney. Departures: February 27, Candidate, ketch, at 9.30 a.m., and Warrigal, ketch, at 11.20 a.m., both for Sydney. Passed: Tomki, s., at 11 a.m., Mary Davis, ketch, at 10 a.m., both north.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—Arrivals: February 27, Kincumber, s., at 8.45 a.m., Australia, schooner, at 9.55 a.m., both from Sydney; Alice Templeton, ketch, at 8.50 a.m., from Newcastle.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrival: February 27, Aleda, schooner, at 10.30 a.m., Paris, schooner, at 11 a.m. Departure: February 27, Kingsley, at 9.20 a.m., for Sydney.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS.—Arrivals: February 27, Joker, ketch, at 12.45 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: February 27, Laura, ketch, at 9.30 a.m., for Sydney.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Departure: February 27, Sphere, s., at 12.15 p.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Departure: February 27, Allan Gordon, cutter, at 7.30 a.m., for Sydney.

BELLAMBI.—Departure: February 26, Glaucus, s., at midnight, for Melbourne.

WOLLONGONG.—Departure: February 27, Allowrie, s., at 1 p.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Departures: February 27, Allowrie, s., at 7.30 a.m.; Coomonderry, s., at 11.30 a.m., both for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Arrival: February 27, a ketch at 11.30 a.m. Passed: February 27, Glaucus, s., at 5.50 a.m., Oonah, s., at 11.55 a.m., a ketch at 11 a.m., all north.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: February 27, Peterborough, s., at 9.35 a.m., for Sydney.

EDEN.—Departure: February 27, Eden, s., at 6.15 a.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: February 27, steamer white funnel black top, at 7 a.m., steamer red funnel black top, at 10.30 a.m., Victoria, Government yacht, at 10.50 a.m., all north.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: February 27, like New Guinea, s., at 7.15 a.m., west; a steamer, red funnel, black top, at 8 a.m., south, and put back, bound north at 8.45 a.m., a steamer, yellow funnel, black top, at 9.30 a.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed outward: February 27, a mail steamer at 3.20 a.m., Beckenham, s., at 8.20 a.m., Neanza, s., at 7.30 a.m.

HOBART.—Arrival: February 27, Waikare, s., at 9.40 a.m., from Melbourne.

MACQUARIE HEADS (Tas.).—Arrival: February 27, Kawatiri, s., at 7 a.m., from Melbourne direct.

DEVONPORT WEST.—Arrival: February 27, Easby, s., at 7.30 a.m., for Melbourne.

FREMANTLE.—Arrival: February 27, Annam, F.M.S., at 9.45 a.m., from Marseilles. Departures: February 26, Australien, F.M.S., at 10.25 p.m., for Marseilles; Oceana, R.M.S., at midnight, east.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Arrived at Auckland, Germanicus, s., from Sydney.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average rainfall for 43 years, 49.828.
Rainfall from January 1, 2.114.
Temperature.—Maximum, 86°; minimum, 60°.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 82°; 3 p.m., 45°.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.95; Gascoyne, 29.96; Esperance Bay, 29.85; Eucla, 29.93; Streaky Bay, 30.06; Adelaide, 30.15; Robe, 30.14; Portland, 30.10; Melbourne, 30.08; Wilson's Promontory, 30.18; Gabo Island, 29.88; Cape St. George, 29.87; Sydney, 29.84; Newcastle, 29.97; Port Macquarie, 29.98; Clarence Heads, 29.98; Brisbane, 29.89; Rockhampton, 29.91; Mackay, 29.89.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales for 48 hours ending 9 a.m.—Fine, clear, and generally cool weather prevailed.

Western Australia.—Fine and clear to fine, but cloudy generally.

South Australia.—Generally fine and clear.

Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy to showery in the south, clear in the north.

Tasmania.—Cloudy generally.

Queensland.—Generally fine, with scattered clouds.

Northern Australia.—Fine and warm generally.

New Zealand.—Cloudy to raining generally.

New Caledonia.—Fine and clear at Gomen.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.E., light, hazy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, E., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N., fresh, hazy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, calm, hazy, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, N.E., light, hazy, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, S., light, hazy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, hazy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, S., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, S.S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, S.E., strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, S.E., strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Barranjoey, S.S.E., strong, cloudy, sea moderate; South Head, S.E., strong, cloudy, sea slight; Wollongong, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S.E., strong, cloudy, sea rough; Bateman's Bay, S.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Moruya, S.E., moderate, fine, sea smooth; Eden, S.W., fresh gale, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, S.W., strong, cloudy, sea rough; Gabo Island, S.W., fresh gale, cloudy, sea rough.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Cool southerly winds, weather fine generally, excepting showers on the coast south of Sydney.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Everywhere fine and mostly clear, cool night and moderately warm day; calms and light variable winds; sea smooth.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Weather rapidly becoming finer and warmer; south-westerly and southerly winds, at first fresh, on the coast, but soon becoming light and variable, and varying easterly inland; sea moderating.—P. Baracchi.

Western Australia.—Cloudy and squally in the south-west coastal districts, with some rain, and extending later on along the south coast; fine for the present, especially on the goldfields.—W. E. Cooke.

MR. WRAGGE'S FORECASTS.

New South Wales.—Generally fine, and becoming more so, except in the south-east, where showers are probable with strong south-westerlies off Gabo Island. Prevailing winds between south-west and south-east. Sea moderate, but rough over Tasman Sea south-east from Cape Howe.

Queensland.—Generally fine and warm; the monsoon Cetab is filling up, but some capricious rains may fall chiefly in the interior before the next monsoon approaches. South-easterlies will prevail. Sea moderate.

Western Australia.—Showery and unsettled near the south coast from between north-west and south-west under Antarctic disturbance "Rezeph," elsewhere mostly fine, save passing thunderstorms, chiefly in the north.

Northern Territory and Central Australia.—Occasional thunderstorms under new monsoon "Balith." Variables, becoming unsettled within a few days, with warm westerlies, followed by westerlies and cool south-westerlies, with rain in the south under disturbance "Rezeph."

Victoria.—Still somewhat showery and squally from south-west, but quickly improving. Occasional rough seas, but moderating.

Tasmania.—The same as Victoria.

New Zealand.—No data, but the Antarctic disturbance "Quartus" is sure to cause bad weather, with rain and heavy squalls from between the north-west and south-west and rough seas, especially south from Wellington. Shipping are particularly advised.

New Caledonia.—Cloudy or overcast; rain probable shortly.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR FEBRUARY 28.

Sun rises at 5.42, sets at 6.34; Moon, 9.56 p.m., 10.36 a.m.; Mercury, 4.27 a.m., 5.35 p.m.; Venus, 4.21 a.m., 5.5 p.m.; Mars, 6.13 a.m., 6.55 p.m.; Jupiter, 2.56 a.m., 4.54 p.m.; Saturn, 2.9 a.m., 4.15 p.m.

New moon, 8th; full moon, 22nd.

High water at Fort Denison, — a.m., 12.2 p.m.

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The natives employed by Commandant de Wet as cattle-drivers are deserting him wholesale.

The British outposts at Bothasberg were rushed on Sunday night by 600 Boers driving a herd of cattle.

Fifteen of the Boers were killed and six wounded, but a number escaped.

Cape Colony had furnished 11,300 recruits to the enemy up to the end of November.

The districts represented by members of the Afrikander Bond averaged three rebels to every one in the districts represented by Progressives.

An empty convoy was captured near Klerksdorp on its return from supplying Colonel Von Donop's troops at Wolmaranstad.

The capture was effected by Boers from another district, who, after severe fighting, were pursued for some distance by the escort.

Some Boers succeeded in crossing the blockhouse line eastward of Tafelkop.

General Ben Viljoen has been sent to St. Helena.

The agent of the Ameer Habbibullah at Simla, and the Ameer's postmaster at Peshawar, have been recalled on account of alleged defalcations.

Reports from Peshawar state that the Ameer is providing a residence for the Haddah Mullah near the Indian frontier.

The Ameer will place a garrison in the residence of the Haddah Mullah, so as to prevent it becoming a centre of tribal agitation.

Prince Henry has become a great favourite with the Americans, and there have been many festivities in his honour.

President Roosevelt accompanied the Prince to Shooters Island, where the German Emperor's new yacht was launched.

Miss Roosevelt, who christened the yacht the Meteor, received from the Prince, on behalf of the Emperor William, a golden bracelet, bearing a miniature of the Emperor set in brilliants.

Prince Henry received the freedom of the city of New York.

Germany is seeking to recover £1,500,000 from China for losses beyond the claim originally made and agreed upon.

Colonel Hay proposes a reduction of the indemnity to the other Powers so that the whole amount shall not exceed the sum originally agreed upon (about £67,500,000).

Berlin official newspapers state that Germany intends to maintain a parity of position with the other Powers at Shanghai and in the Yangtze districts, and will therefore retain the garrison at Shanghai indefinitely.

The "New York Times" says that Germany's procedure in regard to Shantung resembles that of Russia in Manchuria, and comes within the spirit of the recent protest of Colonel Hay.

Two deaths from plague have occurred at Shanghai.

A meeting of Roman Catholics at Capetown has passed resolutions protesting against the terms of the King's declaration.

The King has approved of the appointment of Mr. Edmund Resch as Consul for the Netherlands at Sydney.

The centenary of the birth of Victor Hugo is being celebrated on a great scale in France.

Mr. Copeland says the Imperial Government ought to make an agreement with Australian breeders for a reasonable period regarding the supply of remounts.

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Lord Charles Beresford recommends the giving of greater speed to big battleships.

The body of Mr. W. Glen, manager for Dalgety and Co. at Port Headland (S.A.), was found on the rocks near the jetty yesterday. It is surmised that deceased fell from the jetty and was drowned.

A Royal Commission has been appointed to continue the inquiry into the Coolgardie water scheme.

The Methodist conference was continued at the Centenary Hall yesterday.

Another case of plague is reported from Brisbane.

There were no fresh cases of plague in Sydney yesterday, but one death occurred from the disease, the victim being Miss Sallie Booth, who was taken from the Criterion Hotel.

At a meeting of the health committee of the City Council yesterday it was reported that nine dead rats had been found in the basement of one establishment in Pitt-street.

It has been resolved to cleanse the area bounded by Pitt, Market, George, and Park streets.

The engineer of the Water and Sewerage Board states that, owing to defective construction of the old sewers, rats in them can avoid the effects of the fumigation by escaping into back yards and other places.

A man has been killed by a fall of earth in Mount Garnet Freehold Mine, and other men had narrow escapes.

At Glenburnie (V.) Mrs. W. Hammett and her daughter, aged 5 years, were thrown from a buggy and killed.

At a meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday special consideration was given to the water supply for Sydney, and a minute submitted by the engineer upon the subject was adopted.

The Albury Council is requesting the Fisheries Department to take steps to prevent the pollution of the waters of the Murray owing to gold-dredging.

It is not expected that the third battalion of the Commonwealth Contingent can be sent to South Africa before March 19.

Mrs. Baikie, one of the victims of the Dulwich Hill tragedy, died yesterday.

Contractors in New Zealand for the supply of frozen poultry to South Africa, are meeting with serious difficulties owing to the diminution of the shipping services.

A large black pearl weighing 12¼oz. has been found inside a cockle at Port Chalmers.

Dickson, formerly accountant at Melbourne University, was yesterday sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

The remains of the late Mrs. George Rignold were interred in the Waverley Cemetery yesterday.

The Methodist Conference has received an assurance from the Commonwealth Government that due vigilance will be maintained in regard to the New Hebrides.

In the Senate yesterday the debate on the second reading of the Electoral Bill was resumed and further adjourned.

Mr. Barton has decided to leave for England by the steamer Rome on May 6.

He has cabled to Sir Wilfrid Laurier stating that he is willing to take part in the suggested conference of representatives of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand.

The Federal Premier has sent a further telegram to the Imperial Government stating that the feeling of the Cabinet was that the guarantee regarding the drawing of supplies from Australia and New Zealand is not satisfactory.

A new Dutch gunboat has arrived at Thursday Island from British New Guinea.

The Dutch authorities are establishing a new station near the boundary of British and Dutch New Guinea.

The Dutch are endeavouring to induce the pearl shellers to transfer their headquarters to the new station, and are also offering them very tempting terms.

The Public Works Committee took evidence yesterday regarding the proposed railway from Tenterfield to Casino.

Some successful irrigation work is being carried out near Muswellbrook.

The New South Wales representatives were successful at the Wanganui swimming carnival yesterday.

The annual meeting of the Hospital for Sick Children was held last night when the general position was said to be satisfactory.

Up to date the Department of External Affairs has issued 284 permits for persons to land in South Africa.

The Secretary for Home Affairs has received an application from the Victorian Tax Commissioners for a list of Commonwealth officers in that State with the amount of their salaries.

It is understood the first claim made will be resisted on behalf of other officers interested.

The tariff was further discussed by the House of Representatives yesterday. The duty on undressed timber, in size 12in. x 6in., was considered.

The Government proposed a duty of 1s per 100 superficial feet. An attempt to make all timber free was defeated, but oregan was allowed at 6d per 100ft.

There was considerable activity in the Stock and Share market yesterday, but most of the sales were effected at previous prices.

The Mining market opened sluggishly, and improved in tone as the day progressed. Tin had increased rates; silver shares had fair inquiry, as had also Queensland stocks.

The Import market continued dull in all departments.

THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT.

We announced yesterday on the authority of the Registrar under the Arbitration Act that the time for receiving the names of delegates to recommend a member of the Arbitration Court on behalf of the industrial unions has been extended by a week. The concession is a proper one to make. The constituting of this Court is a new experiment. Doubtless the employers will have little difficulty in selecting a representative, but it is casting a certain responsibility on the trades unions to require them to nominate a man from their own ranks who will find himself suddenly clothed under the Act with a responsibility partaking somewhat of that attaching to a Judge of the Supreme Court. We do not doubt the ability of the unions to choose such a representative, but it is essential in their own interests that they should have full opportunity to exercise their right of choice in the most satisfactory way. It is provided, with the object of ensuring this and making the choice as widely representative as possible, that the registered unions shall respectively elect delegates who on their behalf will recommend the selected person for appointment as member of the Arbitration Court. As soon as possible after these preliminaries are completed the Court will be constituted, and Mr. Wise told a deputation from the Master Builders' Association the other day that he hoped to see the tribunal in working order early in April. In the stage at which we now find ourselves, whatever differences of opinion may exist in regard to the principle of arbitration as embodied in an Act and Court of this kind, it is the duty of all concerned to accept the situation and give this new departure in legislation a fair trial.

The Attorney-General evidently thought he saw some reason to advise both employers and employed to this effect last Saturday. Deputations representing both sections were received by him, and in the course of Mr. Wise's remarks to the representatives of the Sydney Labour Council he made an appeal, as it appeared, specially *to employers*. It did not appear from what he said that any particular reason existed for this pointed reference, and as a matter of fact it was made clear by the Master Builders' deputation which subsequently waited on the Minister that they and not the employed had ground of complaint. But setting the special circumstances of the case aside for the moment, in principle Mr. Wise's advice was sound, as it ought to be coming from the highest law officer of the Crown and the framer and future administrator of the Act. There appears to be some ground for apprehension that during the period which has yet to elapse before the opening of the Arbitration Court steps may be taken on one side or the other in anticipation of the matters with which it will have to deal. The Attorney-General appeared to have in mind the possibility of action of this nature being taken by the employers. He would like, he said, addressing the Sydney Labour Council delegates, to make an appeal to employers. "For any employer to take advantage of the fact that *the Court was not yet constituted*," Mr. Wise observed, "and attempt to press down wages or to alter the terms of employment to the prejudice of the workmen, was to act in a manner which could not be productive of permanently good results to them, and would certainly cause the Act to come into operation with feelings of mistrust and bitterness, instead of with the mutual goodwill which was essential to its satisfactory working." In the abstract this is good counsel. The Act must not be prejudiced before it begins to be applied. There must be a clear field and no favour when it comes into operation, and if the workmen, as Mr. Wise says, have given up the right to go out on strike on the one hand, employers must, on the other, do nothing in the meantime that they otherwise would have been withheld from doing by the knowledge that the workmen held that power in their hands. The contention seems reasonable enough, other things being equal.

We expect a great deal from the working of this Arbitration Act if it is to justify its existence and fulfil the promise of its advocates. We are all familiar with the evils attendant on *strikes*, and no one more so than the working man and those dependent on him. Trade disputes as they have been conducted in the past are at best a crude and semi-barbarous way of settling industrial differences. Above all, they are not conclusive. In three cases out of four the industrial has to give in after a more or less prolonged course of privation involving women and children as well as the actual strikers themselves. Capital and labour alike lose in these conflicts, and sometimes the loss is so great that capital is scared away altogether and the interests of labour suffer in consequence. If the new Act is to remedy these evils—and as Mr. Wise said, "Parliament has determined to try what is admittedly a great experiment"—it must have a fair trial. The framer of the measure was quite within his rights in claiming that much from the employers, but in face of the emphasis he thought fit to lay on their side of the question it is interesting to note a point raised by the deputation that immediately followed. The Master Builders had a complaint to make to the effect that a body of men had approached them to ask for an increase of wages, which was refused in view of the early opening of the Arbitration Court to deal with all such matters. Mr. Wise admitted that the answer was absolutely a proper one, but the Master Builders further complained that the Minister for Works, approached for the same increase, took a different attitude, and granted the demands of the men. This incident brings the theory and doctrine of the Attorney-General and the practice of his colleague the Minister for Works into direct conflict, and between the two the employers are left in a difficulty, with no other consolation than the advice of Mr. Wise not to anticipate the work of the Arbitration Court. "This places us in an awkward position," said one of the Master Builders' deputation on Saturday. It certainly does. But these awkward positions, especially when they are caused by the action of Ministers, do not conduce to the smooth working of the new experimental Act. It is idle for the Attorney-General to give pointed advice to employers on the one hand, while the Minister for Works acts in a manner directly contrary on the other.

THE HOUSEHOLDER AND SANITATION.

Discouraging as are the reports of the civic officials upon the insanitary condition of many of the business and private premises in Sydney, it would be a mistake to allow them to create a feeling of panic and hopelessness. So far as the insanitary conditions are due to structural defects, the responsibility for the remedy lies with the landlord, and it is the business of the health authorities to see that their requirements are complied with. But it would be a serious and fatal mistake for the occupying tenant, whether of business or of private premises, to suppose that when structural defects have been remedied by the destruction or the *remodelling* of premises which in their present state are unfit for occupation everything has been done. It will still be incumbent upon the tenant to see that his premises are kept in a cleanly condition, and if he neglects his duty in this respect he will do so at his own risk and the risk of his family. It is pretty evident that there is much about the plague which is not yet understood, and in consequence some of the actions of the health authorities appear to be inconsistent. The point that seems to be pretty well established is that the place that is infested with diseased rats is a serious menace to the community. In this matter the duty *of the occupier is clear. For his own sake he* should keep his place clear of rats. And although combined action may be necessary to ensure the total destruction of the vermin, there is no reason why the individual should cease to act. Greater vigilance may be necessary on his part than would be called for if there were simultaneous and concerted action, but in the absence of it each one can, if he is determined to do so, keep his own premises clean.

Thus while it is impossible *to condemn too* strongly the neglect of the health authorities who have allowed such a disgraceful state of things to continue as has been made public in their recent reports, the chief lesson which the occupying tenant will do well to lay to heart is the need for personal intelligent watchfulness. It is probable that the community has already lost very much more by deaths, disease, and enfeebled vitality from the insanitary conditions under which we are living than it has lost or is likely to lose as the direct effect of the plague. The difference is that the plague is a more dreaded visitation, and because of our imperfect knowledge of it it appeals more strongly to the imagination. Take other diseases that are obviously ultimately traceable to filth and neglect it is preventible. This is the point that needs to be impressed upon the responsible tenant of any premises. By neglecting to keep his premises in a cleanly condition he is endangering the health of the community. And if such a consideration has no weight with him it is well to remind him that he is risking his own safety. It is possible that this may have an influence with *him*, even though he may not be susceptible to altruistic considerations. These personal responsibilities may all be discharged without any feeling of panic. The practice of making the plague a perpetual subject of talk cannot be too strongly condemned. The very worst thing we can do is cultivate the habit of thinking and speaking of it as a mysterious unseen foe, lying in wait to attack us at every turn. The best use we can make of it is a steady and honest attempt to practise, and to induce those who look to us for guidance also to practise, those habits which our present knowledge of sanitary science teaches us are likely to preserve and promote the public health.

The absence of this feeling of responsibility on the part of the individual householder and occupier is largely responsible for the criminal neglect of the civic and health authorities to cope with the evils that have been growing apace in our midst. And until it is more generally cultivated we shall look in vain for a permanent improvement. Just now while the *scare* is on us we are willing to pay some heed to the warnings and counsel of the medical experts who advise the civic and the health authorities. But they have spoken out before as clearly as they have spoken recently. Their warnings and instructions have been disregarded by an apathetic body, which has been lulled into a false security by the indifference of the ratepayers. Can it be for a moment believed, if the occupying tenant had been fully alive to his responsibilities, that he would have put up with the farce of ricketty refuse carts going through the streets on a windy day scattering the rubbish they have collected, so that the passage of the carts may often be traced by the extra litter in the streets? Can it be believed that he would have been content to have the refuse from his premises removed only when it suited the convenience of the scavenger to call? Is it likely that he would have been content to see regulations framed ostensibly in the public interest disregarded, and his own efforts neutralised by the irregularity and inefficiency of those whose business it should be to afford him every assistance? In saying this we are not excusing official neglect and indifference, nor are we underrating the value of concerted official action in an emergency like the present. Neither are we unmindful of the vigorous efforts which have been made by some to remove long-lived abuses. Our present purpose is to emphasise the need for individual action prompted by an intelligent and hearty recognition of individual responsibility. We shall not have paid too dearly for the lesson which the plague has taught and is teaching us if it has this effect.

PROTECTION AND LOW PRICES.

In his augural address at the Inter-State Protectionist Conference, Sir William Lyne *made* statements that will not bear the light of examination. His admission that it had been a hard fight to hold up the protectionist side in some of the States of the Commonwealth might indeed be accepted as an answer to them. Why had it been a hard fight to uphold the protectionist side, not merely in one State but in all the States of the group? for he might have said so much. The answer is the simple one that the protectionist duties pressed unequally upon the people, and they protested. For instance they compelled consumers of hats, boots, and agricultural implements to pay higher prices for these commodities, and gave to the local producers of them the difference between the lower prices when the ports are open and the higher ones when they are closed. That is the avowed object for which these duties are imposed. If that is not so, will Sir William Lyne tell us why the members of his conference wish protection? How then can he say truthfully that "as soon as the Dibbs duties were taken off by Mr. Reid in 1895 with one spring prices went up to what they had been before." The implication here that prices were lower under the Dibbs tariff than under the Reid tariff, or under freetrade before Mr. Dibbs' Government was in office, is one that requires to be supported by illustrations. If these could be *furnished*, they would disprove the need of protection. Any merchandise that was lower in price under the Dibbs tariff, if there was any such, was reduced because it happened to be produced in outside markets at lower prices. It is simply impossible that under protectionist duties any people can have commodities as cheaply as under freetrade. Some time ago it was pointed out by our correspondents that the cost of living in France and Germany was much greater than in England because of the protectionist duties in the one case and the free ports in the other. But, it is said, protection stimulates to such a measure of production as to *reduce the prices*. Again we ask, why, with the over-production of sugar in France and Germany, the people of Paris and Berlin have to pay nearly double the price at which it is sold in London, into which *all the sugar has* to be imported? It is equally misleading for Sir William Lyne, in pursuance of the same obviously fallacious argument, to say, "He had a list of prices in Sydney before and after the imposition of the Commonwealth tariff. It had been prepared with great care, and showed that in many lines prices were actually lower since the tariff." If he dares to produce this list we venture to say that it will not show one article which has, except by some adventitious *circumstance, been* reduced by the operation of the federal tariff. A few weeks back we published a long list of articles, the price of every one of which was increased by exactly the amount of the federal import duty. Everyone will remember that the operation of the Commonwealth tariff in raising the prices began immediately it was imposed, and in the cases of some goods on which no duties had then been levied. An instance recurs to us of a Sydney visitor to the Melbourne exhibition, who, wishing to bring a friend a souvenir, asked the price. It seemed to him high, and he inquired of the exhibitor, who had a house in New South Wales, the price in George-street. Two pounds less, the amount of the duty, was the prompt answer. Any article of which the price is lower now than before the introduction of the federal tariff—if such a one can be found—will be cheaper owing to other considerations. If, as Sir William Lyne says, the wealthy men are among the importers, not the manufacturers, no sensible man will grudge them their riches when they supply the people more cheaply than the manufacturers. Freetrade lends itself to the *production of* wealth, among merchants and people; protection tends to limit its production both to the manufacturer and his workmen. If Sir William Lyne "can, with his family, live £100 cheaper in Victoria than in New South Wales," it certainly will not be under equal conditions of comfort. The case of the larger number of Savings Banks depositors in Victoria, with relatively smaller amounts than in New South Wales, proves to the hilt that the class of people who deposit such moneys had smaller means in the protectionist State than the same class in what, at the time, was the freetrade State. Surely Sir William Lyne can see that that answers *his own fallacy*.

THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCES.

The position of the Federal Parliament with regard to the Commonwealth finances is most unsatisfactory. The first budget speech was delivered three months after the beginning of the financial year in June; and the time has nearly come round for the preparation of material for the next budget. Yet although the Estimates have not been considered two-thirds of the year's outlay has already been spent on the authority of temporary supply bills. If Parliament rises in May or June the Government will have no authority for expenditure after June 30, when all the votes will expire. In order to provide for the July payments it would be necessary for the new session to begin within a few weeks of the close of the present one; and it would also be necessary for the Treasurer to have the material for his next budget available in July. Both suppositions seem to be impracticable. It is stated, therefore, that Sir George Turner hopes to get over the difficulty by asking Parliament during the present session to pass a Continuation of *Payments Bill* to enable him to carry on until September 30, on the basis of the last appropriation. We believe such a course is not without precedent, but it is a precedent to be avoided and not followed. The circumstances of the first session have been exceptional, but it is most unsatisfactory that two-thirds of the expenditure for the year should be disbursed before the House has had an opportunity of considering the finances. If in addition to this Parliament gives the Government the power to spend a fourth of next year's outlay before the next session opens the Parliamentary control of the public finances will be practically superseded. The difficulty is one that will be felt by the State Treasurers. The financial year in the Commonwealth and in the States closes on June 30. And as a considerable portion of the revenue coming to the States is first collected by the Commonwealth and handed to the States after certain deductions have been made, no State Treasurer can make up his budget until the Commonwealth figures have been given. This part of the difficulty may be overcome in the future by making the State financial year close on December 31, and the Commonwealth financial year end on June 30. But more than this is needed. With the alarming tendency to increased expenditure both by the State and the Commonwealth Governments it becomes more than ever desirable that the Parliamentary control of the public purse should be a reality and not a fiction.

Last Day for Payment of the Land Tax.—Taxpayers are reminded that to-day is the last day upon which 1901 land tax may be paid without the addition thereto of a 10 per cent. fine. We are asked to state that when forwarding remittances they should send their assessment notices, which will be returned with official receipts per first post. It should be distinctly understood that the amount assessed must be paid, notwithstanding that an objection or appeal may have been lodged. All objections and appeals will be dealt with in due course, and adjustments effected where found necessary.

Telegraphic Communication.—The Postmaster-General has received the following message:—"Hongkong advises that direct communication with Canton has been restored."

Commissioner Kirkcaldie.—A proclamation by the Lieutenant-Governor of the State appears in the "Government Gazette," allotting to Mr. David Kirkcaldie, one of the Railway Commissioners at present in office under the authority of the Government Railways Act, 1901, a salary of £2000 per annum, as from January 1, 1902, in lieu of salary provided by the Act.

Late Running of Railway Trains.—In connection with the complaints which have been made relating to the late running of long distance trains the Railway Commissioners admit that many trains have been far from punctual lately. They are, however, taking steps to remedy the defect. It is pointed out that with a great length of single line one late train throws the whole system out and causes many other trains to be late. A number of delays have also been due to the failure of the safe working instruments, whilst the great dryness of the weather and the trouble of keeping up the water supply has added to the difficulty of running the trains.

Country Excursion Trains.—Special excursion trains will arrive in Sydney during to-day, carrying country soldiers with their wives and families to the city for the purpose of taking part in the South Africa Day demonstration to-morrow. The Railway Commissioners will run the trains on the various lines, for the convenience of the men, at the request of the demonstration committee.

Forestry Regulations.—The new regulations relating to the royalty upon timber, and licenses for timber getting, will be gazetted next week. It is the intention of the department, however, not to enforce them for two or three months. Thus no hardship will be inflicted upon persons who have contracts to carry out. It is expected, however, that after publication any new contracts shall be based upon the revised regulations.

The Electric Lighting of the City.—The Mayor (Alderman Thomas Hughes) yesterday received a communication from Messrs. Preece and Cardew respecting the electric lighting of Sydney. The letter stated that the present site for the proposed works was farther from the central position than the one that Major Cardew inspected during his visit to Sydney. The site was, however, satisfactory, but unless the cables could be taken across Pyrmont Bridge the cost would be greater. Alderman Watkins, who was with the Mayor when he gave this information to the representative of the "Herald," expressed the opinion that it would not be necessary to take the wires across the bridge. He anticipated that the council would be in a position to accept tenders within about three months. The Mayor remarked that he hoped the lighting of Sydney by electricity would be an accomplished fact in about 18 months, or before the end of next year. It was expected that the new light would be both better and cheaper than gas, and that many businesses that at present used steam as a motive power would utilise electricity for their operations.

Law Examinations.—The following candidates have passed the intermediate Law examination for the first Term:—A. M. Blair, A. L. B. Johnson, J. B. Larkin, S. T. Laurence, J. J. Mulholland, E. W. Owen, H. G. F. Walker. The following candidates have passed the final law examination in the sections indicated:—Section 1: H. P. Curtis, J. S. H. Harnett, J. W. H. Houston, F. W. Lee, W. M. Marks, J. S. V. Mein, B. A. M'Bride, C. J. Read, N. C. Rowling, W. E. Scotter, R. H. K. Wood. Section 2: L. G. B. Caddon, J. Connellan, J. J. D'Apice, F. N. Moloney, C. S. Summers, A. J. Taylor, P. L. Williamson. Section 3: C. E. Church, W. J. P. Craik, A. Deery, D. L. B. Glasheen, A. A. Johnston, C. O. Smithers, J. W. F. Stephen. Section 4: J. P. Jones, C. O. Smithers.

An American Transport Due.—The American transport or supply ship Celtic is on her way from the Philippine Islands to Sydney, and will arrive in about 10 days.

Fine Display of the Desert Pea.—There is to be seen in the border near the pavilion in the Garden Palace Grounds, Botanic Gardens, just now a particularly fine display of Sturt's Desert Pea (Clianthus Dampieri). Naturally the severity of the drought is keenly felt by most of the flowers and shrubs which adorn the gardens, but this plant, as its more widely known name suggests, is suited by the absence of the rainfall.

Death at Sea.—During the voyage of the ship Ben Dearg from Liverpool an able seaman named Stoller, a native of Germany, fell from aloft and was killed instantaneously. The accident occurred on December 18, when the ship was in 20° north latitude. The sailor was buried at sea.

Betting in the Streets of Randwick.—The following bylaw, made by the council of the borough of Randwick, having been confirmed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, has been gazetted:—"Any person who shall frequent or use any street, or public place within the municipality for the purpose of bookmaking, or betting, or wagering, or agreeing to bet or wager with any person, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20."

A special combined rail and steamer excursion will take place to Hawkesbury River to-day and to-morrow. A train will leave Sydney at 9.5 a.m., and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m.

The steamer Newcastle will leave the wharf at the foot of Market-street at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, affording excursionists an opportunity of enjoying an ocean trip of about 20 miles and viewing several miles of river scenery.

The tramway authorities have intimated, in response to private representations regarding the fares charged on all-night trams, that an overlap section between the railway station and Newtown-road junction cannot be allowed.

A meeting of the committee which is organising the presentation to Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan of a portrait in oils of that gentleman was held at the Australia Hotel yesterday, Mr. T. M. Slattery, M.L.C., being in the chair. It was decided that the portrait should be exhibited in the city, probably at Paling's, and that opportunity should be afforded for the working class admirers of the Minister for Works to volunteer their small subscriptions. The idea is that the presentation should be made on Mr. O'Sullivan's birth-day, March 17.

A meeting of the University Philosophical Society was held in Selborne-chambers, Phillip-street, last night. Mr. N. G. Pilcher, LL.B. (vice-president), occupied the chair. Mr. C. Brennan, M.A., read a paper on "Vision, Imagination, and Reality." He dealt with the subject in an exhaustive manner, and at the close was accorded a vote of thanks.

The trustees of Hyde Park held their meeting on Tuesday. There were present—The Hon. Dr. James Norton, M.L.C. (in the chair), Messrs. Alexander Dean, Michael Chapman, W. W. Stephen, and E. C. V. Broughton. Correspondence was read referring to an improved lighting of the band stand. The question of the erection of a memorial on the park to the South African heroes was discussed. Mr. Broughton was authorised to arrange for an inspection of the city parks by the Minister for Lands on Wednesday, March 5, when various matters would be brought forward for the improvement of the parks.

The following additional regulation under the provisions of the Trade Union Act has been gazetted:—"Where application is made to the Registrar for an alteration of the rules of a trade union, and it appears to him that the alteration is required for the purpose of effecting the registration of the trade union under the Industrial Arbitration Act, no fee shall be charged for such alteration."

We have received a pamphlet entitled "Projects for Water Conservation, Irrigation, and Drainage in New South Wales," being a paper read by H. G. M'Kinney, M.E., M. Inst. C.E., before the Royal Society.

The Presbytery of Sydney will induct Rev. A. S. C. Jones, late of St. Andrew's, Bendigo, Victoria, to the charge of the Chalmers Church and parish this evening.

At the last meeting of the Randwick Council it was decided on the motion of Alderman Bundock,—"That the Mayors of Waverley and Randwick, together with Messrs. D. Storey and T. Jessep, M.L.A., wait upon the Minister for Works in reference to the proposal to extend the tramway from Waverley to Coogee, via Arden and Beach streets."

A public meeting in connection with the Zionist League will be held at the Great Synagogue on Sunday afternoon next.

The R.A.A. Band will (weather permitting) perform in Hyde Park this afternoon, commencing at 3.30.

Mr. William Briggs, for 12½ years organist and choirmaster at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Waverley, has accepted a similar position at Christ Church (St. Laurence), where he takes up his new duties immediately after Easter.

The literary and debating society in connection with the Y.M.C.A. announces its opening meeting for to-night. A debate will occupy the evening, the subject being, "That the Anglo-Japanese treaty will be of benefit to the world."

THE LATE MRS. GEORGE RIGNOLD.

The funeral of the late Mrs. George Rignold took place at the Waverley Cemetery yesterday afternoon. There was an unusually large gathering, both at the house and at the graveside. At the grave the Rev. G. North Ash, M.A., conducted the service. Mr. George Rignold was the principal mourner. Amongst those present were:—Mr. Bland Holt, Messrs. H. H. Vincent and G. L. Goodman (representing Mr. J. C. Williamson), Mr. George Darrell, Mr. C. B. Westmacott, Dr. V. Marano (Consul for Italy), Messrs. F. Eugarde and F. Phillips, Mr. J. Tolano, Mr. D. O'Connor, M.L.A., Mr. P. E. Quinn, M.L.A., Mr. Neville W. Montagu, Mr. W. Holman, Mr. R. W. Richards (ex-city surveyor), Messrs. Harry Norman and H. Carr (members Bland Holt Company), Mr. E. Lewis Scott, Dr. A. Burne, Mr. Johnson Weir, Mr. H. Driver, Mr. Rock Phillips, Mr. J. Brinston, Mr. C. Collins, Mr. E. Blackston, Mr. H. R. Roberts, Mr. W. J. Wilson, Mr. S. De Fries, Mr. Stirling Whyte, Mr. G. Marr Thompson, Mr. Lawrence Dunbar, Mr. W. Wild. Numerous wreaths were conveyed on a floral carriage, and included those from Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Roth, Dr. and Mrs. A. Burne, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Marr Thompson, Messrs. John Andrew and Co., the management of the Palace Theatre (Messrs. Williamson, Lee, and Hall), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ross, Mr. A. J. Ross, Mr. Harry Rickards, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Roberts, Miss Watts-Phillips, Dr. and Mrs. V. Marano, Mr. John Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Henderson, Miss Susie Brice, "From Clelands," Mr. and Mrs. W. Wild, Miss Richter, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Westmacott, Mr. and Mrs. Harrie Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and Pauline, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stanford, "The Neilds" (Melbourne), Mrs. George Bagisch, Miss Lena Coppin, Miss Lucy Coppin, Mr. and Mrs. Bland Holt, and others. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mrs. P. Kirby and Son.

THE LATE MISS BOOTH.

Miss Sallie Booth, whose death from plague yesterday is recorded elsewhere, will be sadly missed in theatrical circles, and the public at the same time loses a clever and valued artist. The deceased actress, who was about 63 years of age, was lineally descended from Barton Booth, the celebrated tragedian of Addison's day. In the course of her long career she had visited every part of the world except Australia, where she arrived from South Africa with Mr. Charles Arnold nearly two years ago. This career began at the age of 4, when she recited "Lord Ullin's Daughter" at the benefit of her aunt (also Miss Sallie Booth), a veteran actress once a favourite at Drury-lane and Covent Garden theatres. Whilst still in her teens Miss Booth was favourably reviewed by Douglas Jerrold and other critics for her impersonation of Rosalind at the Haymarket Theatre. The young artist afterwards supported G. V. Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean, Charles Matthews, Walter Montgomery, and Charles Dillon, all of whom visited this country. Lady Macbeth and other great characters were in her repertoire at that time. In 1867 she married Mr. J. H. Clyndes, a capable actor, who was here some 10 years ago with a company which included Miss Clara Cowper. Without having previously left the United Kingdom, Miss Booth accepted an engagement to tour in Jamaica during the exhibition of 1891, and she then found travelling so much to her taste that she ever after sought work abroad. Thus in 1893 she supported Mrs. Potter and Mr. Kyrle Bellew in Calcutta, Hongkong, and the East. Having during that time established her popularity as a Shakespearian reciter, Miss Booth remained four years in India, touring inland as far as the Khyber Pass, and appearing at the Prasad Palace of H.H. the Maharajah Sir Mohun Tagore. During the past four years the late Miss Booth twice toured South Africa, first with George Edwardes' "Little Minister" Company, and then with Mr. Charles Arnold's "What Happened to Jones" company. Besides appearing in this country as the gushing maiden aunt in the play named, Miss Booth made a hit by her cleverly humorous impersonation of the "Cook-lady" in "Why Smith Left Home" at the Palace Theatre.

THE DUTCH IN NEW GUINEA.

A NEW GUNBOAT.

THE SHELLING INDUSTRY.

PROPOSED TRANSFERENCE OF THE HEAD-QUARTERS.

THURSDAY ISLAND, Thursday.

The Dutch gunboat Van Noorn arrived this morning from Dutch New Guinea. She is a new vessel on her first trip here, and comes to make arrangements in connection with the new station opened near the boundaries of Dutch and British New Guinea. It is intended to establish weekly communication between here and the new station for supplies. There are now three Dutch gunboats with 300 soldiers under the Government Resident at the new station, which is named Merauke.

Owing to the restrictions placed on the shelling industry in the straits, the Dutch authorities are endeavouring to secure the transference of the head-quarters of the shellers to Merauke from here, and promise only a nominal license and other charges to be imposed on vessels engaging in the industry from there, also unrestricted trading facilities, without fear of interference with the employment of coloured labour. These tempting offers are now receiving the consideration of some leading shellers.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

THE NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SUCCESS OF NEW SOUTH WALES TEAM.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

At the swimming carnival at Wanganui in the 40 Yards Championship R. Cavill (N.S.W.) was first, G. Read (N.S.W.) second, and F. Gailey (Queensland) third. Six started, including F. C. V. Lane and Champion (N.Z.). Won by a lap in the world's record time of 5 minutes 37 2-5 seconds.

The Ladies' Bracelet of 100 yards was won by Lane. Champion was second and Gailey third. Time, 1 minute 10 1-5 seconds. Cavill won his heat, but did not start in the final.

TO-DAY.

Presbytery of Sydney: Meeting. Chalmers Church, 8 p.m.
Literary and Debating Society, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Methodist Conference, Centenary Hall, 9 a.m.
Illustrated Health Lecture, under auspices of Australian Vitavi Company: Equitable-building, 3 p.m.
Sydney and Suburban Mutual Permanent Building and Land Investment Association: Meeting, 118 Pitt-street, 8 p.m.
Forest Lodge Races: First event 2.15 p.m.
Unitarian Church, Hyde Park: Lecture, 8 p.m.
Cyclorama: Cinematograph, Illusions, "Last Days of Jerusalem," 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.
Empire Theatre: Vaudeville Company, 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Ben Hur," 7.45 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "The Mariners of England," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: The World's Entertainers, 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Aladdin," 7.45 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville Company, 8 p.m.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

THE SENATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Senate this afternoon Senator O'Connor moved to make Tuesday an extra sitting day, except when otherwise ordered. He said that it might not be necessary to sit on Tuesday, but the tariff might come to the Senate before the end of March, and he wished to get the Electoral Bill passed before starting on the tariff. Two or three senators objected to the extra sitting day, and the Electoral Bill came in for some hard knocks. "There is no prospect of the Electoral Bill passing this session," said Senator Sir J. H. Symon (S.A.). "Then there will be no tariff," was the significant retort from the labour corner. The motion was agreed to on the voices, there being an understanding that the Senate will not sit next Tuesday at any rate.

The debate on the motion for the second reading of the Electoral Bill was continued by Senator Sir J. H. Symon (S.A.), who moved,—"That having regard to the advanced period of session, and that Parliament had not yet dealt with the question of the franchise, it was inexpedient to proceed further with the bill." He said he intended to use every means in his power to prevent the bill passing into law. His reasons were set out in a long speech which was mainly directed to proving that the system of proportional voting was subversive of the accepted principles of responsible government. It would destroy majority rule, and would, on the showing of its inventors, result in the return of a mixture of warring faddists who would conspire together to secure the triumph, each one, of his own fad. Anyhow, he said, if the system of proportional voting was sound it should be applied to the House of Representatives, to which the Government of the day was responsible.

Senator Keating (Tas.), who spoke as a Tasmanian, and therefore as one having experience of the system of proportional voting, spoke in favour of the bill, and essayed to reply to the speeches made by Senators Sir J. H. Symon and Sir John Downer on the other side. First of all he dealt with the remark made by Senator Sir J. H. Symon—and endorsed by way of interjection by other senators—to the effect that the bill was not intended to pass, but was merely introduced to enable the Senate to mark time while waiting for the tariff. This statement, he said, was made by Senator Sir J. H. Symon about every bill that had been introduced, and he was just as wrong in this case as he had been in others. Senator Keating held that the measure was a good one—that it was constitutional, and that it provided the fairest system of representation yet devised.

Senator Charleston (S.A.), for Senator Pulsford (N.S.W.), moved the adjournment of the debate, and the Senate rose at 9.25 p.m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Sir J. L. Bonython (S.A.) put a question to Sir John Forrest in the House of Representatives this afternoon on the subject of a newspaper report which stated that Major-General Hutton, in a recent speech at Adelaide, had said that in any reforms he intended to propose in connection with military organisation he would consult the State Governments. The Minister for Defence said the report might not be correct. While he would not like to do anything contrary to the wishes of the States, at the same time the Defence Department was going to be administered as the Federal Government thought best in the interests of Australia.

The timber duties, which were discussed nearly the whole of yesterday, were again debated at great length. Yesterday the first two lines of the item were postponed, so that undressed timber, in sizes 12in. by 6in. could be taken first. Mr. Thomas (N.S.W.), who said that Oregon timber was absolutely necessary for mining purposes at Broken Hill, moved that the duty which the Government proposed at 1s per 100 superficial feet should be struck out. Like other members who also supported him, he said the duty was practically an export duty on the production of the mines, and pointed out that no duty would compel the use of colonial timber instead of Oregon. Seeing that there was no chance of having the item placed on the free list Mr. Thomas substituted an amendment that the duty be 6d per 100ft.

Mr. Watson (N.S.W.) said that a duty of 10 per cent. on Oregon was the highest that he would vote for. Most of the Queensland members frankly admitted that they asked for the duty as protection to the timber industry, but a couple of their number, who are professed freetraders, put forward the ingenious plea that the duty was required for revenue purposes. A Victorian freetrader was in the painful position of having a good many sawmills in his electorate. He tried to get out of his trouble by suggesting that Oregon, which was not produced in Victoria, should be free; but that the duty on other timbers should remain. Sir W. M'Millan (N.S.W.) favoured the duty of 6d as a fair compromise. Sir George Turner read a telegram from Sir Edward Wittenoom, director of the Millars' Jarrah Company, stating that if the duty on Oregon were removed the timber industry in Western Australia would be seriously injured, and a number of people thrown out of employment. This communication, which was not a spontaneous one, and which bore strong resemblance to similar telegrams produced at various times by the Government did not impress the committee very much, and Sir W. M'Millan slightly ruffled the temper of the Treasurer by a pointed reference to its valuelessness. Sir George Turner thought the duty was a fair one from a revenue standpoint, and claimed that the timber industry was one which was fairly entitled to protection.

Mr. Thomas's amendment was defeated by 32 votes to 19, and a further amendment by Sir W. M'Millan to make the duty 9d per 100ft. met with a similar fate. Mr. Watson was about to move an amendment to carry out the suggestion made by him earlier in the evening, and to meet the evident wish of the committee that some concession should be made in favour of timber required by Broken Hill mines. The leader of the labour party, however, gave way to Mr. Thomas, who moved that the duty on Oregon timber be 6d per 100ft. This was agreed to by 27 votes to 25. Mr. Ewing (N.S.W.) wished to add the stipulation that Oregon should only be admitted at the rate fixed when for mining purposes, but was ruled out of order by the Chairman. The duty of 1s 6d per 100ft. on undressed timber n.e.i., in sizes between 7in. and 2½in. and less than 12in. by 6in., was passed.

Sir George Turner admitted that a duty of 2s 6d per 100ft. on undressed timber of sizes less than 7in. by 2½in., which worked out at over 100 per cent. on the cost of cutting it into small sizes, was rather high, and consented to a reduction to 1s 6d. The duties on architraves, mouldings, and skirtings, dressed timber, laths, palings, dressed pickets, and shingles remained as proposed by the Government, while that on undressed pickets was reduced to 1s per hundred.

An unsuccessful attempt was made by the Opposition to reduce the duty on doors, but the Government proposals were agreed to. Progress was reported, and the House rose at 22 minutes past midnight.

THE COMMONWEALTH TABLE.

The table upon which Queen Victoria signed the commission authorising her commissioners to assent to the Constitution Act, together with the inkstand and pen used on that historic occasion, has been enclosed in a handsome glass case and put on view in the Queen's Hall at Parliament House.

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION ACT.

Among the passengers by the Omrah, which arrived at Melbourne yesterday, was a stowaway, who was not allowed to land pending inquiry by the Department of External Affairs. To-day Mr. Hunt found that the stowaway was a Russian doctor, who could not speak a word of English. It was deemed best in his own interests that he should not be allowed to land, and he will therefore, be sent back to Europe.

FEDERAL OFFICERS AND THE INCOME TAX.

Sir William Lyne has received from the Victorian Income Tax Commissioner a demand to furnish a list of Commonwealth officers residing in this State, with particulars as to their salaries. The information is required for the purpose of making claims for the payment of the income tax. There is, as yet, no organisation to resist the claim, but it is practically certain that the first officer upon whom the demand is made will be assisted by all the others who are interested.

CABLE RATES.

The negotiations between the Premier and Mr. Warren, general manager in Australasia for the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, respecting the conclusion of the federal agreement in regard to the cable rates, have not been advanced any further. Mr. Barton has asked the company to surrender the interminable contracts with four of the States by which it may open local offices in capitals after January 1, 1903, and to substitute therefore, a general agreement of 10 years duration. Mr. Warren has promised to submit the Premier's proposal to the London board, and an answer is expected this week.

EMIGRATION TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Up to date the Department of External Affairs has issued 284 permits to persons who have left, or purpose leaving, for South Africa. Of these 99 were issued to persons returning to South Africa, 31 were going to England, via the Cape, 133 were going to South Africa for the first time, and 21 were grooms in charge of horses.

THE ENGLISH MAIL TIME-TABLES.

The attention of the Postmaster-General has been directed to the fact that on several occasions mails from England have been delivered overdue in Australia, and he has sent an intimation to this effect to the British Government.

THE PREMIER'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

Mr. Barton has decided to leave for England by the Rome, sailing hence on May 6. He has cabled to Sir Wilfrid Laurier stating that he is willing to take part in the suggested conference of representatives of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand on subjects relating to colonial interests.

THE ARMY MEAT CONTRACT.

There is a general feeling that the guarantee with reference to the obtaining of meat from Australia and New Zealand for supply to the Imperial Government in South Africa is not satisfactory. Mr. Barton has therefore sent a further cablegram to the Home Government on the subject. He is not at present prepared to make public the terms of the cablegram.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA.

FIFTH TEST MATCH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The last of the present series of test matches between England and Australia will commence to-morrow on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. There is evidently not so much interest in the cricket as there would have been had the match been played in Sydney. Four years ago, when Stoddart's team was in Australia, the position as regards the rubber was similar to that of the present tour, yet the attendance at the Sydney Cricket Ground, where the last test of that tour took place, was remarkable in point of numbers. There was as much enthusiasm over that engagement as though it were the only fixture of an international character on the programme. There is a large number of Sydney people in Melbourne for the match, amongst whom may be mentioned Mr. Richard Teece and Mr. Philip Sheridan. The weather promises to be unsettled. It has rained here up till yesterday, and consequently the practice wickets this morning were sticky. An improvement was noticeable in the afternoon, though even then there was a marked difference between the higher and the lower pitches. Very little fault could be found with the former, while the latter were still somewhat in favour of the bowlers. Some of the Australians played in the morning, and in the afternoon Gregory, Kelly, and Duff, of the home side, and Quaife, Blythe, and Gunn, of the Englishmen, were down. The weather to-day is cold and quite unseasonable, but there is a fairly hard breeze prevailing which, without further rainfall, should place the wicket in good order by the arrival of noon to-morrow.

The unfortunate accident to Saunders rendered it necessary for the Australian selectors to send to Adelaide for Travers, and he is expected to arrive to-morrow. Travelling all night will hardly render him fit if he be chosen for the match, but notwithstanding that the success of the left-hander in the fourth test will perhaps cause the selectors to include him in the Australian team. In view of the probabilities of the next Australian team the selectors may think it wise to give him a chance of showing his capabilities in the best company. Saunders will be unable to play owing to his broken collarbone. It is quite likely that the only difference between the team for to-morrow and that which represented Australia at Sydney in the fourth test match will be the substitution of a bowler for Saunders, most probably Travers, perhaps Eady. The English eleven will almost for a certainty consist of the same men as composed the team for the Sydney match. Barnes would very much like to play, but there is not much chance. The possibility of the injury to his knee becoming permanent is too great to take any risk thereon at present; indeed, it is very doubtful if he will again take the field during the present tour. Jessop has been indulging in a few days' shooting in New South Wales, and only arrived this morning by the express train. Notwithstanding he has had no practice since the fourth test match it is hardly likely that he will be omitted, considering his extraordinary usefulness in the field and the likelihood of his running into big figures. It will no doubt be found when M'Laren selects his team that it will be the same as that of the fourth test match, and that Barnes, Robson, and Garnett will stand down. Neither team will be chosen until to-morrow morning. The elevens will be selected from:—

ENGLAND.	AUSTRALIA.
A. C. MacLaren	H. Trumble
G. L. Jessop	M. A. Noble
A. O. Jones	V. Trumper
C. M'Gahey	W. W. Armstrong
T. Hayward	C. Hill
J. Gunn	J. J. Kelly
L. C. Braund	R. A. Duff
A. A. Lilley	J. Travers
J. T. Tyldesley	W. P. Howell
C. Blythe	A. Hopkins
W. G. Quaife	S. E. Gregory
S. T. Barnes	C. J. Eady
H. Garnett	
C. Robson.	

The umpires will be C. Bannerman and R. Crockett.

The first of the series of test matches resulted in a very easy win for the visitors; the second, at Melbourne, was to a great extent interfered with by bad weather, and was won by Australia by a big margin of runs. The third was played at Adelaide, and was the keenest of the series to date. The Australians won by four wickets, but the result was in doubt up to the last quarter of an hour. The fourth match also resulted in a victory for the Australians by seven wickets.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

J. Travers left by express this afternoon for Melbourne with the object of playing in the fifth test match.

THE WEATHER.

BUSH FIRES.

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

A large bush fire has occurred near the Bathurst-Orange-road. It is reported that it covered a large area of country. Another fire has occurred west from Blayney. Judging by the dense volumes of smoke a large tract of country is being damaged. A third outbreak occurred this afternoon east from Blayney, and it appears to be rapidly increasing. No rain has fallen. A few more bush fires would devastate the district.

PICTON, Thursday.

To-day the weather is cold. Bush fires are raging.

BRANXTON, Thursday.

Two large bushfires were burning within a few miles of the town yesterday.

HORNSBY, Thursday.

On Tuesday a bush fire of considerable dimensions started in the Fish Pond Gully, and fanned by a strong breeze soon spread over a large tract of country. Spreading through the property of Mr. Russell, it jumped the Berowra-road and destroyed a quantity of fencing, the house, a weatherboard structure, being with difficulty saved. Mr. Lamond, the owner, who was ill in bed, was obliged to get up and remove to safer quarters. A large body of helpers got the fire under towards dark, but yesterday it broke out afresh, and burnt out a small cottage belonging to Mr. Lumsdaine. Spreading rapidly, it surrounded the property of Mr. Deakin, and jumping a road entered the premises of Mr. George Higgins, where a quantity of grass was fired within a few yards of the house, to which, however, no damage was done.

LAKE BATHURST, Thursday.

The country is in a bad state for want of rain. In parts of the district people are carting water for drinking purposes and driving their stock daily to water; 16 points of rain fell.

SPRINGWOOD, Thursday.

Constable Walsh, Mr. Harris, and some other residents was kept very busy last night quelling a bush fire which had approached Mrs. Meeks' cottage at Faulconbridge. The hedge was set alight several times, but on each occasion it was promptly put out. An outbuilding of another cottage quite near was burnt down. The wind is still from the south-west, but is much quieter to-day. Volumes of smoke are still travelling from large fires a long way on each side of the railway line. There is no change in the weather.

CASUALTIES.

SHOT WITH A PEA RIFLE.

On Wednesday a boy named John Cockrill, aged 12 years, who resides at Berry, was attempting to unload a pea rifle when it accidentally exploded. The bullet buried itself in his right thigh. He was brought to Sydney by his father and removed by the Civil Ambulance to Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted by Dr. Bowker.

ACCIDENT TO A CARPENTER.

R. Tolson, 21, a carpenter, residing at North Willoughby, was working with a planing machine yesterday, when his left hand became caught in it, the fourth and fifth fingers being cut off. He was removed to Sydney Hospital and admitted for treatment.

DEATH UNDER AN ANÆSTHETIC.

The deputy city coroner, Dr. R. H. Todd, held an inquest at the Lewisham Hospital yesterday into the cause of death of a patient named Hannah Ruddy, aged 49. Deceased, who was a widow, lately a resident of Cottenham-road, Glebe, was admitted to the institution on February 22 for the purpose of undergoing an operation for some internal complaint. An anæsthetic was administered, but the patient succumbed at 3 p.m. on Wednesday. The verdict was one of accidental death.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD ON THE NAVY.

GREATER SPEED FOR BATTLESHIPS.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, speaking at the United Service Institution, advocated the giving of a greater speed to the big battleships, which, he said, were overweighted with woodwork, guns, and tons of unrequisite stores.

The difficulty with regard to the Belleville boilers was due to a lack of trained stokers.

AFGHANISTAN.

RECALL OF OFFICIALS.

OMINOUS FAVOUR TO A MULLAH.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The agent of the Ameer Habibullah at Simla, and the Ameer's postmaster at Peshawar, have been recalled on account of alleged defalcations.

Reports from Peshawar state that the Ameer is providing a residence for the Haddah Mullah near the Indian frontier.

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The Ameer will place a garrison in the future residence of the Haddah Mullah, so as to prevent it becoming a centre of tribal agitation.

It was the Haddah Mullah who caused all the trouble on the Indian frontier in 1897, and he then did his best to embroil Afghanistan with the fighting. Recent reports state that the Ameer is completely under the influence of the Mullah, who is fomenting fanatical unrest.

The Ameer Habibullah recently assured Lord Curzon of his friendly feeling towards Great Britain.

PRINCE HENRY AND THE AMERICANS.

ENDLESS FESTIVITIES.

LAUNCH OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S YACHT.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Prince Henry of Prussia has become a great favourite with the Americans, and there have been endless festivities in his honour.

President Roosevelt yesterday accompanied him to Shooters Island, where the German Emperor's new yacht was launched. Miss Roosevelt, the daughter of the President, christened the yacht The Meteor as it was launched, and she received from Prince Henry, on behalf of the Emperor William, a golden bracelet bearing the miniature of the Emperor set in brilliants.

A luncheon on board the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern followed the launching, and subsequently Prince Henry received the freedom of the city of New York.

Later.

The "Daily Mail" says that there was great crushing at the launch of The Meteor. Soldiers had to force a passage through the crowd for President Roosevelt and Prince Henry.

After the luncheon there was a terrific rush for souvenirs, and crockery, knives, and forks were looted.

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Yesterday Prince Henry was the guest of Mr. Pierpont Morgan and 100 other millionaires at luncheon.

The "Staats Zeitung" has entertained 1200 journalists at a banquet to meet Prince Henry.

VISIT TO CANADA.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The "Daily Express" states that on the tactful initiative of the German Emperor Prince Henry of Prussia will visit Canada.

CHINA.

GERMANY SEEKS FURTHER COMPENSATION.

HER POSITION IN THE YANGTSZE VALLEY.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Germany is seeking to recover 10,000,000 taels (£1,500,000) from China for losses beyond the claim originally made and agreed upon.

Colonel Hay, the United States Secretary of State, proposes a pro rata reduction of the indemnity to the other Powers, so that the whole indemnity shall not exceed the sum originally agreed upon, viz., 450,000,000 taels (about £67,500,000).

Later.

The Berlin official newspapers state that Germany intends to maintain a parity of position with other Powers at Shanghai and in the Yangtsze districts, and will, therefore, retain the garrison at Shanghai indefinitely.

The "New York Times" says that Germany's procedure in regard to the province of Shantung resembles Russia's in Manchuria, and comes within the spirit of the recent protest of Colonel Hay.

[Germany seeks exclusive mining rights over a large area of Shantung. Prince Ching looks favourably upon the proposal on the condition that the royalties are increased.]

PLAGUE AT SHANGHAI.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Two deaths from the plague have occurred at Shanghai.

THE POPE'S JUBILEE.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The Earl of Denbigh is the special envoy of King Edward to congratulate the Pope on his jubilee.

SMALLPOX IN LONDON.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Last night there were in the hospitals 1350 patients suffering from smallpox. During the week 64 deaths occurred.

AUSTRALIAN HORSES FOR REMOUNTS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Mr. Copeland, Agent-General for New South Wales, in the course of an interview, stated that to ensure suitable remounts the War Office ought to enter into a contract with Australian breeders for a reasonable period, instead of greatly neglecting an inexhaustible source of supply, declining strong Australian horses at twelve guineas when it was paying as much as thirty-five guineas for horses from Hungary and the Argentine.

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The newspapers support Mr. H. Copeland, the Agent-General for New South Wales, in favour of obtaining a steady supply of horses for remounts from Australia.

THE SECRET OF HEALTH is suitable food. Give the growing children ARNOTT'S Milk Arrowroots, and they will grow healthy and strong.—Advt.

THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

ENTERTAINED BY THE COLONIAL CLUB.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Vice-Admiral Sir H. H. Rawson, the Governor Designate of New South Wales, and Lady Rawson, were entertained by the Colonial Club last night. Among those present were Earl Beauchamp, Mr. H. Copeland (Agent-General for New South Wales), Sir Horace Tozer (Agent-General for Queensland), Sir John Cockburn, and Mr. Dobson (Agent-General for Tasmania).

Sir Henry Norman, who presided, eulogised the guests of the evening.

Sir H. H. Rawson, in responding for his wife and himself, said that he would endeavour with all his heart to make himself one of the people of New South Wales.

Earl Beauchamp said that the characteristics of the people of New South Wales were loyalty and warm-hearted hospitality.

LORD ROSEBERY'S PARTY.

ISSUE OF A MANIFESTO.

LIBERAL LEAGUE FORMED.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The followers of Lord Rosebery have issued a manifesto which states that the adherents of the Chesterfield policy intend to co-operate with the rest of the Liberal party on the lines of that policy, and that the Liberal League has been formed for the purposes of organisation and development on such lines. The manifesto states that Lord Rosebery is president of the league, and that Mr. H. H. Asquith, Sir H. H. Fowler, and Sir Edward Grey are vice-presidents.

The manifesto is interpreted to show that the Chesterfield policy has not attracted the Liberal Unionists, and that cautious efforts are required to convert and absorb the Bannermanites.

The Earl of Rosebery will speak at Glasgow on March 10.

THE CONDITION OF IRELAND.

PROTECTION OF MINORITIES.

RECTIFICATION OF LAND TENURE.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Mr. George Wyndham, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, speaking at Dover last night, said that it was the duty of the Government to protect minorities and to bring to justice law-breakers. The Government would not listen on that point to arguments based upon expediency.

Mr. Wyndham admitted the urgency of bringing about legislation to rectify the deplorable conditions of land tenure in Ireland.

Home Rule for Ireland and an independent Parliament at Dublin were, he said, impossibilities. Ireland was bound to Great Britain by ties even closer than those which bound the colonies to the motherland.

THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Twenty-five members of the House of Commons are down with influenza.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, who is one of the sufferers, is improving.

MIDWIFE REGISTRATION BILL.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

In the House of Commons last night the Midwife Registration Bill was read a second time.

A FILIPINO GENERAL CAPTURED.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The United States troops have captured the Filipino general Lucban.

THE ARMY MEAT CONTRACT.

SUPPLIES FROM THE PLATE.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The steamer Fifeshire is loading frozen mutton at the Plate River, the Argentine, for South Africa, to the order of the new contractors for the supply of meat to the army. She will be followed by the Highland Chief.

THE ACCESSION DECLARATION.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

A meeting of Roman Catholics held at Capetown has passed resolutions protesting against the terms of the declaration made by the Sovereign on ascending the Throne.

VICTOR HUGO'S CENTENARY.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The centenary of the birth of Victor Hugo the French author, is being celebrated on a great scale in France.

Victor Hugo was born at Besancon on February 26, 1802.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The King has approved of the appointment of Mr. Edmund Resch as Consul for the Netherlands at Sydney.

[Mr. Edmund Resch is well known in commercial circles in Sydney.]

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

AMERICAN VISIBLE WHEAT SUPPLY.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The American visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is 84,953,000 bushels.

METALS.

Copper on spot is quoted at £56 per ton, and at three months 55⅞.

Tin on spot is quoted at 117¼ per ton, and three months 111⅞.

Soft foreign lead is quoted at 11⅞ per ton.

WHEAT CARGO.

The cargo of wheat by the Highfields sold at about 29s 9d per quarter.

THE WATER CONSERVATION CONFERENCE.

REPRESENTATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Yesterday Mr. Jenkins, the Premier, telegraphed to Mr. Barton that he had received no invitation or communication on the subject of the intended water conservation conference at Corowa. He strongly protested against any action being taken on a subject which so materially affected this State without the Government being consulted. To-day Mr. Barton replied that he quite agreed with Mr. Jenkins's view. He felt sure that there must be some oversight, adding:—"No doubt you will be asked to join, as the co-operation of the three States is of first importance." Mr. See replied to a message from Mr. Jenkins that in all likelihood, an invitation would be forthcoming.

THE CHILDREN KNOW the difference and always prefer ARNOTT'S Milk Arrowroots to any other biscuits. ARNOTT'S are made specially for children.—Advt.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BOERS' UNSUCCESSFUL RUSH.

ENEMY PUT TO FLIGHT.

NEW ZEALANDERS' GALLANTRY.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Six hundred Boers, driving a herd of cattle, rushed the British outposts at Bothasberg on Sunday night. A number escaped, abandoning everything. Fifteen Boers were killed and six others were wounded. The New Zealanders displayed the greatest gallantry.

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Bothasberg is about five miles south of Vrede, in the north-east of the Orange River Colony.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent says that Commandant Alberto Ross, and two Bothas, together with some Transvaalers, totalling 700 men, attempted to cross the Vrede-Bothasberg line northwards, held by Colonel Byng and Colonel Remington.

The brunt of the fighting fell to Colonel Garratt's New Zealanders, who, with superb valour, defeated the attempt to cross.

The New Zealanders' loss was heavy, two officers and 18 men being killed and 5 officers and 53 men wounded.

The Boers abandoned 100 horses and 6000 cattle.

BOERS BREAK THROUGH A BLOCK-HOUSE LINE.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The Boers tried to cross the blockhouse line eastwards of Tafelkop. The attempt was made at night, in heavy rain. Some succeeded in breaking through, but the force suffered a number of casualties.

AN EMPTY CONVOY CAPTURED.

SEVERE FIGHTING.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Boers from another district suddenly appeared south-west of Klerksdorp, near the Vaal, and captured an empty convoy, which was returning from supplying Colonel von Donop's troops at Wolmaranstad.

The convoy was escorted by the 5th Battalion of Imperial Yeomanry, three companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and two guns. Severe fighting ensued, and the enemy was pursued for some distance.

STRENGTH OF THE NATIONAL SCOUTS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Commandant Vilonel has recruited 1500 burghers for the corps of National Scouts. They evince a patriotic desire to end the criminal struggle, and express their determination to capture Commandant de Wet and Mr. Steyn.

The native cattle-drivers of Commandant de Wet are deserting him wholesale.

GENERAL VILJOEN.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

General Ben Viljoen, who was recently captured, has been sent to St. Helena.

CAPE RECRUITS FOR THE ENEMY.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Up to the end of November Cape Colony had furnished 11,300 recruits to the Boers. Wodehouse, represented in the House of Assembly by the Hon. John Xavier Merriman, who was Treasurer in the Schreiner Ministry, supplied 1037; Aliwal, 2156; and Barkly East, 945. The districts represented by Afrikander Bond members averaged three rebels to every one rebel in districts represented by Progressive members.

SUPPLY OF AUSTRALIAN FLOUR.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The War Office is inviting tenders for the supply of 500 tons of Australian flour to be shipped to Durban for orders.

THE FEDERAL CONTINGENT.

THE DATE OF DEPARTURE.

From inquiries made yesterday it appears that it will be practically impossible for the third battalion to embark before March 19. The transports Englishman and Templemore are expected to arrive in Sydney during the second week in March, and the transport Manhattan about March 31, but it has not been decided yet on which vessel the New South Wales troops will make the journey to South Africa.

The present camp on the Agricultural Ground will be vacated on March 5 in view of the forthcoming Easter show of the Royal Agricultural Society. There is some talk of the three companies, together with the contingent of 200 Riverina bushmen, going under canvas on the old rifle range, but, considering the large number of men of the first battalion who suffered from dysentery and sand colic whilst located there, the military authorities will probably give the place a wide berth rather than run the risk of a second epidemic. Besides it is opposed to the usual military rule and precaution to settle troops for any length of time on the site of an old camp, and particularly where the sanitary arrangements cannot be regarded as altogether satisfactory. An effort may be made to secure the Kensington racecourse, failing which the Randwick rifle range is spoken of. An officer said yesterday: "Send us anywhere outside the city, the further away perhaps the better, but not to the old rifle range," and his view was generally endorsed.

Brigadier-General Finn visited the camp yesterday morning, and whilst he was pleased at the progress being made in the organisation and drilling of the men, it cannot be said that he was altogether satisfied with a few details in the saddlery supplied. These minor defects will be attended to by the contingent's saddlers. Many pairs of the riding breeches did not fit their wearers well, being too tight round the thigh and too loose about the knee. A company paraded for the first time mounted, and B and C companies dismounted. Little escapes the keen and practical eye of the General, and his constant visits of inspection to the camp have a splendid influence on both officers and men. By the time the transports are ready the third battalion should be one of the soundest drilled, best disciplined, and organised of the different contingents that have left these shores for the seat of war.

In the afternoon the men were instructed by W.O. Fisher (Lancers) in battalion drill. Application was made for magazine rifles for the battalion, to enable the men to get accustomed to the weapon they will use in South Africa, but a reply has come back that none is available. They have to remain content therefore with the converted single-loader Martini-Enfield. Fifty more saddles were received yesterday. Major P. L. Lee, the brigade paymaster, has entered camp for duty. Lieutenant M. W. Logan has resigned his commission as first-lieutenant.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Mr. C. J. O'Connel has been appointed fourth lieutenant to the Eighth South Australian Contingent. He served in Ladysmith during the siege, and afterwards in several regiments, including Steinacker's Horse.

TROOPS BY THE MANCHESTER MERCHANT.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

A telegram has been received that the Manchester Merchant with a portion of the Federal Contingent on board sailed from Fremantle for South Africa yesterday afternoon.

PERTH, Thursday.

An order was yesterday issued by the Acting Commandant (Colonel Campbell) that none of the men on the Manchester Merchant should be allowed to land at Fremantle. In spite of the order several men got away from the boat, and half a dozen are now bewailing their fate at having been left behind in Western Australia. Those who missed the boat are all members of D Company, South Australia. Four of the belated half-dozen called at the military offices this morning, and informed the Commandant that they had missed the ship. They explained that they had got leave to land at Fremantle. For the present the men are attached to the troops in camp at Karrakatta.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Governor has been advised from Capetown that the condition of Lieutenant Francis had slightly improved on February 22. The following are dangerously ill of enteric fever:—February 22: Kroonstad, Sixth South Australian Contingent, Lance-corporal Sappho Hall; Fifth South Australian Contingent, Frederick Hirth.

THIRD EDITION.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE FIGHTING NEAR VREDE.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Further particulars of the attempt made by the Boers to break through the blockhouse line near Bothasberg, show that the Boers goaded a herd of cattle to a gallop at the wire entanglements. The New Zealanders shot 70 of the beasts, and getting cover behind dead cattle and horses checked the onward rush of the remainder of the herd. The Boers kept up a heavy fire until they were repulsed. A few Boers escaped, including Commandant Hans Botha and Commandant Manie Botha, determined fighters.

PRINCE HENRY AND AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

One thousand editors of daily newspapers in the United States have cabled to the German Emperor reciprocating Germany's splendid overtures of friendship.

Mr. Whitelaw Reid, in proposing the toast of "Prince Henry," said "God has intended Germany, Great Britain, and America to maintain perpetual peace and friendship."

Prince Henry, in reply, said that the German Emperor had requested him to remember that American pressmen ranked almost with his generals.

THE REPORTED VISIT TO CANADA.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The report that Prince Henry would visit Canada is untrue.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

A stallion, the winner of the Challenge Cup at the Agricultural Hall, became excited by the cheers, and knocked the owner down and the cup out of his hand just as the trophy had been presented by the Princess of Wales. Another stallion nearly trampled on the Prince and the Princess of Wales, being stopped when within a yard of their Royal Highnesses.

A PRINCESS ARRESTED.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Princess Catherine Radziwill has been arrested at Cape Colony on a charge of having forged the name of Mr. Cecil Rhodes to bills for £23,000.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The Union Steamship Company's steamer Aparima has been launched at Dumbarton.

The ship Banlarig, from Newcastle (N.S.W.) to San Francisco, encountered gales and was thrown on her beam ends. Her cargo shifted.

Mr. Samuel Montague, the president of the Decimal Association, is delighted at the prospect of the establishment of the system in Australia.

Mr. H. Copeland has been invited to the Court Reception to be held at Buckingham Palace on March 14. No such reception has been held for several reigns.

THE TONBRIDGE MURDER.

ACCUSED SENTENCED TO DEATH.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

At the Central Criminal Court yesterday Harold Apted, 20 years of age, a carter, was tried on a charge of murder of a little girl named Frances Eliza O'Rourke, near Tonbridge, on New Year's Eve.

The jury found Apted guilty with a strong recommendation to mercy on account of his youth.

Apted, who was impassive throughout the trial, was sentenced to death. After sentence had been pronounced he confessed his guilt.

The evidence given at the inquest on the body of Frances Eliza O'Rourke showed that she was 7½ years old. On the evening of the murder her father sent her to Tunbridge-wells with some trousers which he had been making for a firm of tailors, and it had been ascertained that she started for Southborough shortly after 4 o'clock. Subsequently she was seen riding in a waggon with a young man, and the next morning was found with her throat cut in the pond at Vauxhall. The child had been outraged. Apted was subsequently arrested, and it was ascertained that the girl had been seen riding in his waggon towards home. When arrested there were bloodstains on Apted's clothes.

KEMPTON PARK RACES.

SUCCESS OF THE KING'S ENTRY.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

King Edward was at Kempton Park yesterday and saw his horse, Ambush II., win the Stewards' Steeplechase Handicap Plate.

SILVER.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Bar silver is quoted to-day 1-16d higher at 2s 1½d per ounce standard.

THE RIVERINA BUSHMEN.

THE TOWNS REPRESENTED.

The Riverina Bushmen, organised to recruit Major the Hon. Rupert Carington's regiment, continue to make steady progress at the Agricultural Ground. Lieutenant Tayler (Wagga) arrived in camp yesterday, and will take up duty under Major Browne, D.S.O., who is much pleased with the type of men obtained, and who states that their conduct in camp is most exemplary.

It is Major Browne's intention to devote as much time as possible to rifle practice at the longer ranges, so that when Major Carington takes over the men their usefulness and special training both as riders, horsemasters, and shots may class them as among the most efficient forces yet despatched from here. Mr. J. S. Horsfall has been indefatigable, and has spared no pains to secure the best men possible. Numerous applications from distant districts for inclusion in the contingent are still being received.

The military authorities have lent every possible assistance to the movement, supplying instructors, camp equipments, rations, and other requisites, whilst the officers have been at all times most anxious to render any service that can contribute to the success of this contingent.

The towns represented in the contingent and numbers of men therefrom are as follows:—Wagga, 43; Albury, 24; Hay, 14; Numerka, 1; Eskdale, 5; Deniliquin, 5; Wodonga, 6; Tarcutta, 4; Humula, 4; Allan's Flat, 3; Narrandera, 17; Gippsland, 5; Tumut, 3; Jerilderie, 15; Corop, 1; Hawthorne, 1; Germanton, 4; Cooma, 1; Mullengandra, 1; Tallangatta, 4; Corryong, 1; Corowa, 1; Mairgimmy, 1; Ballina, 1; Wolseley Park, 1; Euroa, 1; Walla Walla, 1; Wyalong, 2; Gadooga, 1; Tarrabie, 8; Oxley, 1; Carlisle, 1; Gundagai, 1; Emerald, 1; Benalla, 1; Byrneside, 1; Henty, 3; Yackandandah, 1; Gerogery, 1; Chillagoe, 1; Molong, 1; Grenfell, 1; Benambra, 1; Mansfield, 1; Cootamundra, 1; Coolamon, 1; Lockhart, 1; Urana, 1; Burrumbuttock, 2; Tallangatta, 2. Total, 197.

N.S.W. VOLUNTEERS.

The following is a copy of a telegraphic despatch received by the Premier through the Lieutenant-Governor from the chief casualty officer, Capetown:—

"Condition of Captain Miller, New South Wales Mounted Infantry, February 22, slightly better. Death from enteric fever at Pretoria, February 20, Second New South Wales Mounted Infantry, No. 1016 Harry Spiers. Dangerously ill of enteric fever where not otherwise stated, February 22, at Harrismith, New South Wales Mounted Infantry, No. 782 Corporal Herbert Hodgers; February 23, at Kimberley, New South Wales Bushmen's Contingent, No. 356 John Quinlivan."

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

NO FURTHER CASES.

DEATH OF MISS BOOTH.

No cases of plague have been reported to the Health Department since Wednesday night.

Two out of the four cases sent to the Coast Hospital on Wednesday for observation have not developed definite symptoms of plague up to the present.

Miss Sallie Booth, who was removed from the Criterion Hotel, became much worse during Wednesday night, and died at 10.40 a.m. yesterday. The funeral took place at 3 p.m. She was buried at the Coast Hospital Cemetery.

CONDITION OF PATIENTS.

Reports from the Coast Hospital received yesterday evening showed the condition of the patients to be as follows:—

Edward Hempel, aged 35, and Alice Burton, aged 27, two of the suspects sent out to the hospital on Wednesday afternoon, had developed true plague. Hempel was in a serious condition at 4 p.m., while Miss Burton was doing fairly well.

The patient Baker was slightly better in the morning, but was not so well during the afternoon.

There was no change in the condition of Watkins.

Williams was in a critical condition at 9 a.m., and was worse at 4 p.m.

Miss Dignan had slightly improved during the afternoon.

Currie's condition was critical in the morning, but slightly improved at 4 p.m.

Campbell was improving slowly.

Miss Ada Lee remained in a very critical condition throughout the day. She was slightly worse during the afternoon.

Hayward was doing well.

The boy Austin was in a critical condition during the morning, and was worse in the afternoon.

Knight was doing well.

Faulkner was still in a serious condition.

The remainder of the patients were all progressing favourably.

Inquiries at the Coast Hospital at midnight elicited the information that there was no change whatever in the condition of any of the patients except Williams, who was reported to be worse.

INFECTED AREAS.

The Board of Health yesterday took measures to try and trace the source of infection of the case reported on Wednesday from Windsor-street, Paddington. So far they have no evidence that the source of infection was local.

The Board of Health, in view of the outbreak of plague in Alexandria, has decided to issue a proclamation declaring a certain area in that borough infected, and then to adopt the usual measures with regard to cleaning up the premises within that area. Steps will be taken within a day or two to start on this work.

It was reported to the Health Department yesterday by Dr. Armstrong that a plague rat had been found on the north side of King-street, between Pitt and George streets, and in consequence the City Council intend cleaning up that area.

Speaking of the condition of the Borough of Alexandria, Dr. Armstrong, the health officer for the metropolis, yesterday said to a representative of this journal that he was not surprised that plague had broken out there. The district was, structurally speaking, in a very insanitary condition, while very little had been done by the council for years past to remedy the evil which had been fast growing. "In fact, added the doctor, "it is, without doubt, the most insanitary borough in the whole of the metropolitan area, and will require a good deal of cleansing operations to place it in a sound sanitary condition."

THE CRITERION HOTEL.

Speaking with respect to the number of cases that has arisen at the Criterion Hotel, Pitt-street, Dr. Armstrong yesterday gave it as his opinion that the disease had made itself felt there in a very virulent form, but he added the incubation period with respect to these premises would expire before Saturday, and after that date he did not expect any further cases from that quarter. Contacts who did not take the infection during the incubation period seldom took it afterwards. The length of the incubation period varied from three to ten days, but in most cases the disease showed itself from three to five days after inoculation. The Criterion Hotel, said the doctor, although superficially clean, was found to be infested with rats, and these, there was no doubt, created the trouble.

TOTAL CASES.

The total number of cases up to the present is 40.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS.

DUTY OF HOUSEHOLDERS.

The State Premier informed a "Herald" reporter that yesterday he had an interview with Alderman T. Hughes (Mayor of Sydney) and Dr. Tidswell with reference to the proposed general destruction of rats on Wednesday next. The Mayor had sought the co-operation of the other municipalities in the matter, but had practically met with no response, and he now desired the Government to come to his aid. Mr. See said he was willing to help as far as possible, and would grant whatever funds were necessary for the work. It was not so much a question of expense as one of whether the scheme was feasible. The proposition by the Mayor was that on Wednesday all householders in the city and the suburbs should make an effort to destroy rats. The question raised by Dr. Tidswell was what power the Government had over private citizens. Could they force householders to lay down poison with the view of killing the rodents? He had asked Dr. Tidswell to propound a scheme, and it was likely that in a few days something tangible would result. Mr. See added that he was surprised at the lack of interest displayed in the matter by the municipal councils. Only four councils had responded to the call. It was as much the duty of aldermen to assist in keeping a municipality clean as it was the duty of the Government. The evil seemed to be that people would do nothing for themselves, but expected the Government to do everything. Now and then applications came to the Health Department asking that rat-catchers should be sent to private houses. Householders, however, should look after their own places themselves. The Government would supply the poison. Any person could obtain it upon application to the local council offices. Already the Government was killing from 5000 to 6000 rats every day, and was attending to sanitary work in other directions. Mr. See added that he hoped the people would see the necessity of taking action in the matter.

LITTLE BAY HOSPITAL.

The Premier states that improvements and additions are being made to Little Bay Hospital for the accommodation of plague patients. It was found more convenient to send the people to that institution than to take them to the Quarantine Ground. The journey was more easily made and there was no necessity to cross the bay. Besides, the Quarantine Hospital might be wanted at any time for the accommodation of smallpox patients.

NATURE OF PLAGUE SICKNESS.

The question is often asked: How does the plague affect a person? With a view of gathering a little information on the subject a representative of this journal yesterday afternoon had a chat with a medical officer who is taking a prominent part in dealing with the work of the present outbreak, as he also did in the 1900 outbreak. This medical gentleman said plague was a blood disease, and it attacked a person like a stroke of lightning. A man might be quite well at 6 in the morning and three hours later be very seriously ill with plague. The disease lay dormant in the system from three to ten days, and then suddenly showed itself by bubonic swellings in different parts of the body. This was accompanied by a violent illness comprising high fever and severe pains. Plague, unlike many other diseases, did not work in regular stages by the patient first commencing with a slight illness and gradually growing worse. It attacked a man at once, and often in a few hours after the disease had first made itself felt the patient was in a very critical condition. It continued to increase in violence for two or three days, and if death did not take place before the end of the fourth day there was a better chance of recovery. The chief organ affected was the heart. The cause of death was generally failure of the heart consequent upon poisoning of the blood.

In India the death rate was 80 to 90 per cent., while in Sydney in the last outbreak the death rate only reached 33 per cent. This was accounted for by the fact that the European races were better able to resist the attack than were the Asiatic races.

THE DUTY ON DISINFECTANTS.

It will have been noticed from our report of the proceedings of the Federal Parliament that the Opposition, led chiefly by the New South Wales freetrade and liberal section, has succeeded in getting insecticides and disinfectants placed on the free list. The Government proposed a duty of 15 per cent. on these articles, but despite the resistance of the Government they were freed from duty.

THE CRUSADE AGAINST RATS.

The Mayor of Sydney is doing all in his power to make a success of the crusade on Wednesday next, when it is proposed that simultaneous action shall be taken by the neighbouring councils and the City Council for the destruction of rats. The City Council is gratuitously distributing poison to residents, who will also be supplied with a leaflet setting forth what is required of them, and requesting their active co-operation in laying the poison. Up to yesterday only two suburban councils had replied to the circular issued by the City Council asking for their assistance in the matter. It is proposed to supply the suburban councils with poison for distribution.

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The Mayor is hopeful that councils, which are all deeply interested in the matter, will combine to make this crusade a great success.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

MEETING OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

CLEANSING OF CITY AREAS.

The health committee of the City Council met yesterday morning, the Mayor (Alderman Thomas Hughes) presiding. There was a full attendance of members.

The City Health Officer, Dr. W. G. Armstrong, was present.

CITY HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

The town clerk read a progress report of that day's date from the City Health Officer, Dr. W. G. Armstrong, respecting the measures for the suppression of plague. The report was as follows:—"The cleansing and disinfection of three infected areas within the city were, pursuant to the instructions of the health committee, begun on the 25th instant. These areas are: 1. The block included between King, Pitt, and Castlereagh streets and the southern boundary of the Imperial Arcade. 2. The area bounded by Park, Pitt, Castlereagh, and Bathurst streets, containing the Criterion Hotel. 3. The area bounded by William, Crown, Palmer, and Stanley streets. In area No. 1, the Arcadia Hotel, the shops in the Imperial Arcade, the A.B.C. Restaurant, and No. 129 King-street have been dealt with. All these premises were in excellent condition, except the A.B.C. Restaurant. The latter was good as regards cleanliness, but is not quite satisfactory structurally. Some of the sanitary conveniences are badly arranged as to lighting and ventilation, and the arrangement of the back portions of the building is decidedly bad. The basement is concreted, and is so far good. Nine dead rats were found in this restaurant. In area No. 2, all the premises facing Park-street have been dealt with, the large office block known as the Mercantile-chambers, and Nos. 193, 193A, 195, and 197 Castlereagh-street. A large restaurant in Park-street (Walker's) was not so clean as it should have been, and has had so many ramshackle additions made to its original structure that the back yard of the premises has been entirely closed, and now constitutes part of the building. Extensive alterations in this place will have to be demanded. Most of the other places in Park-street and Castlereagh-street are in a satisfactory state, but at the rear of 193 there are two old buildings in advanced conditions of dilapidation. They were condemned some time ago, and should be demolished without delay. They will be promptly dealt with. Extensive alterations in this place will have to be demanded. Most of the other places in Park-street and Castlereagh-street are in a satisfactory state, but at the rear of 193 there are two old buildings in advanced conditions in dilapidation. They were condemned some time ago, and should be demolished without delay. They will be promptly dealt with. In area No. 3 12 premises, from No. 116 to 140 Crown-street, have been cleansed and disinfected. The first four of these are miserable shanties of wood and iron, in the last stages of disrepair, and unfit for the housing of human beings. They are the property of a deceased estate—one of the wealthiest in Sydney. They are those which, at my request, the Mayor and health committee visited on Monday last. Some of them were condemned under the Sydney Corporation Act nearly two months ago; the others had been reported on by the inspectors of this department as unfit for habitation, and were undergoing the legal process of condemnation when two cases of plague were removed from one of their number on the 22nd instant. Of the remaining dwellings three are of iron, and not in good repair. They will require certain specifications under section 38 of the Public Health Act to make them habitable. The balance of the properties dealt with is structurally good. The premises hitherto disinfected in this area are not as a rule cleanly kept. Several summonses have already been served on occupants for offences against the council's bylaws. By authority received yesterday from the health committee it is intended to-day to begin the disinfection of the area bounded by Market, George, Pitt, and Park streets. It is proposed to deal with this area by means of two gangs of 12 men each. Such small gangs of men are more easily handled than larger bodies, and get through the work more expeditiously. A beginning was made to-day in the direction of the distribution of rat poison from door to door in the residential portions of Sydney. In accordance with the resolution of the health committee six vans were engaged, and 2000 packets of rat poison were sent out. Besides the driver, each cart was attended by a man and a boy, by whom the poison was distributed from door to door of such householders as wished for it. No poison was allowed to be given to children. The carts perambulated the following districts:—1, The 'Rocks;' 2, Pyrmont; 3, Woolloomooloo; 4, Surry Hills (north); 5, Surry Hills (south); 6, Chippendale. A record was kept of all streets and lanes traversed. I am of opinion that a further distribution on the same lines might profitably take place on Friday or on Saturday afternoon, with the sanction of the health committee."

Alderman Meagher moved,—"That in the matter of future reports it be an instruction to the officers of the council to give the names of the owners of all buildings reported on as unfit for occupation by human beings." He took it that the words in the report—"They are the property of a deceased estate, one of the wealthiest in Sydney"—referred to the Burdekin Estate. He would ask the health officer if that was not so?

Dr. Armstrong: Yes.

CARTING BEDDING THROUGH THE STREETS.

Alderman Griffin, who spoke by permission of the committee, said that he had visited the house in Cook Ward from which a plague patient had been removed, and found a cart filled with bedding, clothing, &c., in charge of an officer of the Health Board. Five men got on to the cart and were about to drive away, when he asked what was to be done with the articles, and was told that they were to be disinfected. He protested against these goods being driven through the streets, with the men sitting in the cart that was carrying them, and maintained that the bedding should either have been destroyed or thoroughly disinfected on the premises, or should have been covered before being removed. He hoped that steps would be taken to prevent such a thing being done in the future.

Dr. Armstrong said he would bring the matter under the notice of the Board of Health. No doubt it would be stopped.

THE GARBAGE BOXES.

Alderman Evan Jones drew attention to the condition of the garbage boxes in the streets.

Alderman Kelly moved,—"That this committee recommends that all dirt boxes in the city be disinfected with carbolic powder, and each scavenging-cart be supplied with it, with a view to destroying the germs of disease."

Alderman Mullins said that always, but particularly during a crisis such as the present, it was the duty of the ratepayers to keep their properties clean. It seemed to him that the council should draw the line between encouraging the citizens to be clean and encouraging them to be helpless.

The motion was carried.

Alderman Lindsay-Thompson moved,—"That the city surveyor should be asked to report on the advisability of permitting the patentee of any garbage box to have the invention fixed."

The motion was carried.

INSPECTION OF INFECTED HOUSES.

The town clerk read the following information respecting inspection by the civic authorities of premises from which cases of plague had been taken:—

"With regard to the plague case from 59 High Holborn-street, the premises were last inspected prior to the outbreak on December 6, 1901. The premises were found very defective structurally and as regarded drainage, and notice was served under section 43 of the Public Health Act.

"No. 232 Sussex-street was not inspected prior to the outbreak of plague. No. 224 Sussex-street was inspected on December 11, 1901, and was found to be rat-infested, but otherwise fair. Notice was served under section 43 of the Public Health Act."

ANOTHER AREA TO BE CLEANSED.

The town clerk read the following communication from the Department of Public Health, New South Wales:—"I have the honour, by direction of the Acting Chief Medical Officer of the Government, to inform you that certain rats, caught on premises included in the block bounded by Martin-place, King-street, George-street, and Pitt-street, city, and examined in this board's biological laboratory, have been found to be infected with plague. I am instructed to suggest that, as a preventive measure, your authority should take steps with the least possible delay for the commencement of cleansing operations within the block abovementioned."

It was resolved to carry out the suggestion contained in the letter.

KEEPING POULTRY IN THE CITY.

Alderman Stephen stated he had been informed that fowlhouses existed in parts of the city, and he thought the keeping of them in closely congested centres of population ought to be prohibited.

The Mayor said that on the certificate of the medical officer, that the keeping of poultry was a nuisance and a menace to public health, they could be prohibited.

Dr. Armstrong, in answer to a question, said he would not prohibit the keeping of a few prize poultry where every cleanliness was observed; but there were portions of the city in which poultry ought not to be kept. Between 200 and 300 fowlhouses in the city had been closed within the past few months.

It was agreed that the places where poultry was kept should be inspected and reported upon.

CONDITION OF THE TOWN HALL.

The town clerk read the city health officer's report on the sanitary condition of the Town Hall and the Queen Victoria Markets. The report was as follows:—"A sanitary inspection of the Town Hall was made to-day (February 24). The ventilation of the basement was found by the inspecting officer to be rather defective. No signs of rats were found. Generally speaking, conditions were found to be sanitary, but the type of water-closet fittings used throughout the Town Hall is not of the best or most modern description. These fittings are, in fact, on a pattern that is now regarded as obsolete. They are not to be regarded as dangerous, because the attention they receive is constant and regular. The other corporation properties are now being inspected."

The report was received.

ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS INVITED.

The Mayor said he would be glad to receive complaints of any existing nuisances from any of the citizens, even though the communications might be anonymous ones. The grievances complained of would be inquired into.

THE GULLY SHAFTS.

Alderman Watkins complained that the gully shafts were badly attended to. He did not blame the city surveyor, because he thought that officer had too much to attend to.

Alderman Fitzgerald specified cases of gully shafts that had not been attended to.

AN ORDER FOR GARBAGE BOXES.

Alderman Waine moved,—"That the order for the manufacture of garbage boxes should be increased to 5000 in all—2500 of each pattern."

The motion was agreed to, and it was further resolved that citizens not procuring boxes, which would be obtainable at the Town Hall, on or before March 17, should be prosecuted.

CRUSADE AGAINST RATS.

Alderman Fitzgerald moved,—"That leaflets be distributed to citizens, requesting them to join in the crusade against rats on Wednesday next, and to assist in it by laying the poison that would be distributed."

The motion was carried.

The committee will meet this morning at 10.30 o'clock.

INSPECTION BY THE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

After yesterday's meeting of the health committee of the City Council the Mayor (Alderman Thomas Hughes), together with members of the committee and several other members of the City Council, proceeded on a tour of inspection through portions of Phillip, Denison, and Pyrmont wards. Dr. Armstrong (city health officer), Mr. W. M. Gordon (city surveyor), and Mr. R. H. Brodrick (city building surveyor) accompanied the party.

Prior to starting a visit was paid to the Palace Theatre, Pitt-street, which was examined throughout, the investigation showing that it was in perfect condition, and as the basement was laid with concrete it was impervious to rats.

The first district visited was Phillip Ward. Some condemned buildings were casually noticed, and in one place a sewer ventilation shaft for carrying the fumes from the underground drains high above the houses was seen to be fractured within about 4ft. of the ground, the fumes escaping through an opening practically as large as the shaft itself. The feature of the ward seemed to be the narrow streets and small houses, or rather cottages, the district being evidently a working man's suburb. Many of the tenements looked as though long periods had elapsed since any renovation had been undertaken. The streets were generally in good order and fairly clean.

In the Denison Ward a visit was paid to the open stormwater drain, in the line of the old Blackwattle Creek. This had a little water trickling along, but the water looked clean, and there was no noticeable smell from it. Healthy-looking children were playing on the banks. The tenant of a house in Chamber street stated that mud had been raked out of the drain on Monday, and heaped up in front of his house. The dirt had emitted vile odours ever since. He had complained of the nuisance, but no notice had been taken of the matter by the authorities. This also was a working man's suburb. Passing to another part of the ward (Harris-street) the party inspected a terrace occupied by Chinese furniture-makers. The buildings comprised a terrace in a dilapidated condition. The interior was characteristic of a Chinese domicile. Numbers of men were at work, but the accommodation was deficient. The front room, being the largest, was the shop. The other apartments were mostly filled with timber, whilst piles of shavings impressed one with the constant danger from outbreak of fire. The cooking and dining room consisted of a very small apartment at the back, which would have been fairly clean had it not been for a malodorous recess in which there was a quantity of kitchen refuse. There were two small rooms upstairs which supplied sleeping accommodation. In one there were four beds, without room between "to swing a cat," but the little apartment at the back was not so crowded. The conditions were the usual insanitary ones characteristic of the race. The premises, as a whole, were very dilapidated, and are to be condemned. Each building is let at a rental of 10s per week.

Thence the party journeyed to Union-street, Pyrmont Ward, and inspected some rookeries, the property of the Harbour Trust. These buildings are apparently suffering from senile decay, and on account of their condition will be condemned. Two of these are occupied as residences, and internally present the appearance of scrupulous cleanliness, but at the bottom of the yard, and outside, down some rocks towards the railway line, a sewer pipe empties itself, forming a menace to the health of the locality.

From this point the party returned to the city, via Pyrmont Bridge.

DISTRIBUTION OF RAT POISON AT THE SYDNEY TOWN HALL.

For several days past the basement of the Town Hall of this city has presented a busy scene. In the corridors a number of youths are engaged in wrapping up small parcels of rat poison. These parcels are labelled on the outside "Poison," and are then passed on to another youth, who stands at the foot of the stairs outside the building and hands a packet to all persons who come along and ask for the same, the only stipulation being that the person receiving the packet must be over 16 years of age. In this way large quantities are daily distributed to residents. Alongside the rat distributor stands a large cask full of disinfectant. People are allowed to help themselves to this material, and it is astonishing to witness the number of persons who in the course of an hour have filled various bottles, cans, &c., which they bought for the purpose, with this liquid. Yesterday quite a stream of residents of the city were to be seen coming from the Town Hall, each armed with rat poison and disinfectant, all eager to keep at bay from their premises the dread disease of bubonic plague.

WORK BY THE HARBOUR TRUST.

INSPECTORS APPOINTED.

The Harbour Trust Commission is actively engaged in fighting the plague as far as the area over which it has control is concerned. Up to the present the Commission is principally dealing with the stores and the residential premises which were in need of cleansing operations. It has left alone any premises over which no suspicion of an insanitary condition existed. Yesterday two inspectors were appointed by the Trust for the sole purpose of going round the whole of the premises, both business and residential, in order to see whether any action was necessary in the interest of the health of the public. As soon as those men complete their rounds they will be instructed to go over the same ground again, and thus they will continue the work of inspection of all the properties of the Trust until the disease is stamped out. If any of the tenants of the Trust object to give admittance to the inspectors on to their premises the Commissioners point out they have no power to force an entry; but the Trust has placed itself in communication with the Board of Health asking for certain powers to be vested in the officers of the Commission which would give them legal authority to enter upon all premises vested in the Trust in order to deal with sanitary matters pertaining thereto. The officer in charge of the plague operations as far as the properties are concerned which are within the area invested in the trust is Mr. R. Bruce. This gentleman had a large experience in connection with the outbreak in 1900. Mr. Bruce has been in the employ of the Trust since its commencement, and he is now carrying out his new duties under the guidance of Mr. H. T. Walsh, the chief engineer.

We are informed by Mr. Martin, secretary to the Commission, that the various wharfs are being well looked after and are in a clean state. The Commissioners for the past two months have had an inspector reporting daily upon any accumulation of refuse which might have come under his notice during his tour along the wharfs. In the case of a report being received, the shipping company concerned was immediately requested to remove the rubbish and to place the wharf in a sanitary condition. Up to the present time the only wharfs from which the Commissioners have received any adverse reports are one or two ferry jetties in the vicinity of Darling Harbour. These complaints came from passengers, and the matter was receiving attention. The first of the prosecutions against shipmasters for not affixing metal discs to the ship's hawsers will be taken on Monday next. Altogether the Trust has a large staff employed in carrying out the necessary sanitary improvements and cleansing operations in the area under its control.

SEWER RATS AND HOW THEY ESCAPE.

WORK OF THE WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

At a meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday a report was received upon the fumigation of sewers and the destruction of rats. The engineer reported that 27 dead rats had been seen. Seven were in Surry Hills, where the sewers were fumigated by Rhodes's compound, and 20 were in portions of the Glebe operated upon by blowers. The engineer wrote:—"I notice that the Harbour Trust is dealing with the foreshores by steaming the interstices of the rubble fronts of the wharfs along the foreshores. It would be as well to detail a fumigating gang to work in conjunction with the Harbour Trust's men where the sewers discharge into the harbour." The recommendation was approved.

Subsequently a representative of this journal had a conversation with Mr. Smail in regard to the escape of rats from sewers. Mr. Smail informed our representative that the trouble arose in connection with the fumigation of the old city sewers, which work was carried out under difficulties. He stated that fully 80 per cent. of the buildings in the city were connected with the sewers. In most cases the connections were not properly trapped with a boundary trap in accordance with modern sanitation principles and the bylaws of the board. The result was that rats were enabled to escape from the sewer during the process of fumigation into the service pipes of the houses. In many cases the rodents had been seen escaping into people's back yards and had even been caught doing so. But in cases where a boundary trap was fixed between the sewer and the house connection, it was impossible for the rat to get away, and it consequently died from the fumes. This applied to all sewers which emptied themselves into the harbour. With respect to the new sewers running to Bondi and to the Sewerage Farm at Botany, including the Western suburbs scheme, very few rats were to be found. Poison had been laid at the man holes of the sewer whenever any were detected, and they quickly died. Mr. Smail has a staff of 30 men engaged in the work of fumigating the sewers, and the districts now being dealt with are those in the direction of Surry Hills, Strawberry Hill, and the Haymarket.

HEALTH BOARD AND DISINFECTANTS.

DISCUSSION IN THE REDFERN COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Redfern Council held last evening a letter was read from the City Council asking the co-operation of this council in a general crusade against rats to take place on Wednesday next.

Alderman Howe moved that the letter be received, and the request complied with. The motion was supported by several of the aldermen and carried unanimously.

The Mayor (Alderman Fanning), in answer to Alderman Howe, gave a resume of what he had been doing since the last meeting in the way of keeping the borough in a good sanitary condition. Notices had been served on a number of persons to keep their premises in order and to effect certain sanitary improvements. They had all been attended to.

A letter was then read from the Board of Health stating that it would send out five gallons of disinfectants for use by the residents of Redfern, but in future no further supplies would be provided, and the council would be expected to purchase at its own expense all necessary material for use in this direction.

A number of the aldermen, in discussing this letter, spoke in strong terms against the action of the board in dealing in such a manner with the distribution of disinfectants. They, however, thought that if the board persisted in their decision the Mayor of the borough should purchase disinfectants out of the ratepayers money and the council would stand to him in his action.

The Mayor explained that he had called upon Dr. Tidswell and pointed out to him that Redfern was just as liable to an outbreak of plague now as when Sir William Lyne supplied plenty of disinfectants. The result of this appeal to the doctor was that a five-gallon keg had been sent along. But for a large borough it was most inadequate. Daily people came along asking for disinfectants, and there was not any. Only 12 small tins of rat poison had been supplied. This also was insufficient. He intended to again apply to the board, and if not successful he would find disinfectants somehow.

On the motion of Alderman Vernon it was decided to again write to the Board of Health, asking for a further supply of disinfectants and rat poison.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE INSPECTION AT NEWTOWN.

AN INSANITARY DWELLING TO BE DEMOLISHED.

At the meeting of the Newtown Council held on Tuesday evening the inspector for the district reported that during the past week a plague alarm seemed to have taken hold of the residents. Some of the people now included in their garbage, asphalt and yard gravel, which caused the scavengers unnecessary trouble. He, the inspector, in company with an assistant, had started a house-to-house inspection, so far with satisfactory results. The report was adopted.

At a latter period of the evening it was moved that the works committee also discharge the duties of a sanitary committee.

Alderman Dolman opposed the combination of duties, and urged that the works committee had quite enough to do to look after its own particular work. He thought the sanitary committee ought to go round the borough two or three times a week to see that it was in a proper state of cleanliness. It had been rumoured that there was a suspected case of plague in Newtown. Sydney was making special efforts to prevent the spread of the disease, and Newtown should follow the example.

Alderman Howe opposed the suggestion. He did not think the committee should be made inspectors and be asked to go round the borough two or three times a week. It was sufficient if they inspected places to which their attention had been drawn.

Alderman Dolman said they knew from experience both in Sydney and other suburbs that the inspectors had not fully realised the possible danger of plague. In Sydney the aldermen were accompanied by a medical officer to inspect places, notwithstanding that the City Council had inspectors to do the work. Why should not Newtown do the same, instead of relegating the duty to the inspector? The Sydney aldermen did not think the work derogatory, and the town clerk of the city, who had been round, said he had found places worse than the Whitechapel slums of London.

The motion to appoint the works committee a sanitary committee also was carried.

The sanitary inspector reported with reference to a dwelling in Lord-street occupied by the owner. In this case the report showed that notwithstanding the fact that the owner of these premises had been prosecuted, and by the Court had been ordered to pull down the premises or make certain repairs in order to put them into a sanitary condition, he had not done so, and the council afterwards passed a resolution that it was expedient to demolish the house. Notice was then given the man, as required by the Public Health Act, to attend the present meeting of the council and offer any reasonable objection to such a course being adopted.

In reply to questions the owner of the premises said the property was all he possessed, and if turned out he would not know where to go. He was a single man.

The inspector reported that the premises were getting into a worse condition each day.

The Mayor (Alderman H. T. Morgan) said the case might seem a hard one, but at the present time consideration for the public health was paramount. The owner had been given an opportunity of putting the place into a proper sanitary condition, but he had failed to do so. The council, therefore, had no alternative but to carry out the law.

It was then agreed that the owner be called upon to demolish the premises within one week, or the council would do so at the expiration of that period.

A PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSED.

At a meeting of the Redfern Council, held last evening, on the motion of Alderman Dearin, it was decided to close the local public library for fear of infection taking place through the circulation of the books. It was agreed that the librarian should then act as assistant sanitary inspector.

SPECIAL MODES OF INFECTION.

The last meeting of the Society of Medical Officers of Health was occupied (the London "Hospital" of January 25 says) in considering a paper by Dr. Davies, of Bristol, on the control and exclusion of plague, and it was not without interest to observe how largely the discussion centred itself upon the problem of the rats. Nothing can illustrate more markedly the rapidity with which the knowledge grows, or at any rate with which opinions change, than the sudden and almost universal acceptance given to the rat theory of plague. That rats die in large numbers when plague prevails has long been known, nor did it seem altogether strange that this should happen, in view of the peculiar habits of the rat. With man would suffer those animals which live along with man, and among others rats. This seemed reasonable but it led to nothing. But that plague should spread the other way, not from man to rats but from rats to man, and that the rat should be the central factor in the etiology of the disease, was another affair, and it is interesting to note, as showing how much more fertile are ideas than facts, that it has only been since the suggestion was made as to the manner in which this rat disease is communicated to man, namely, by fleas and other biting insects, an idea which is by no means proven, but one which makes the facts seem "reasonable" and comprehensible, that the rat theory has come into vogue. Without that idea the mere fact of the association of rats with plague was a sterile bit of knowledge which was practically ignored; with it all seems plain and the whole world agrees that rats are the enemy. What we have now to face is the fact pointed out by Dr. Davies that while the regulations of the Local Government Board, issued so lately as the end of 1896, were well enough as regards the importation of the disease by infected persons, they wholly ignored its introduction by means of rats, especially in ships with cargoes of grain or cotton-seed. Yet this is the real centre of the question. Thousands of infected rats are at present carried from port to port, and freely allowed to infect those on shore. Meanwhile, we carefully isolate every case that occurs among human beings, a practice "as irrational as would be the isolation of every case of hydrophobia in man, while troops of rabid dogs were allowed to remain at large." The old idea that general sanitary measures will protect us from all kinds of diseases is quite exploded. Each malady must be attacked by methods peculiar to itself.

PETERSHAM EFFORTS.

The borough of Petersham has been submitted to a rigorous house-to-house inspection lately by Inspector Mansfield, of the local council. Generally the houses were found to be clean, but in cases where gutter accumulations were visible, immediate cleansing was carried out under directions. The residents have made frequent application to the council clerk for rat poison, which has been laid with but small results, as far as deaths of rats were concerned. Very few rodents were discovered. The Mayor (Alderman H. Davis) has been in daily attendance at the Town Hall to deal with health matters coming under the jurisdiction of the council, and has promptly instituted remedial measures when complaints of street nuisances were received. The borough is regarded as a remarkably cleanly one. The demolition or improvement of old dwellings has been generally carried out as soon as the local authority had indicated the direction in which amendment was necessary.

THE OUTBREAK IN BRISBANE.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

A man named Frederick Carstens, residing at Patrick-street, Milton, and employed at the same place as the lad Lovelock, was to-day reported to be suffering from plague. Carstens has been an inmate of the suspect hospital for a few days.

THE DULWICH HILL TRAGEDY.

DEATH OF MRS. BAIKIE.

Shortly after 10 a.m. yesterday Mrs. Rachael Baikie, one of the victims of the sensational shooting case, which occurred at Lincoln-street, Dulwich Hill, on Tuesday, died at Prince Alfred Hospital. When the deceased was admitted to the institution it was recognised that her wounds were of such a serious nature that the medical officers would not hold out any hope of her recovery. One of the bullets struck her on the right side of the abdomen, and the other embedded itself in her right shoulder.

Lukins is still in a serious condition. The bullet that entered one of his lungs has not yet been extracted.

The City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore), initiated an inquest at Prince Alfred Hospital yesterday respecting the death of Mrs. Baikie. Alexander Baikie, a carriage maker, residing at "Rocklagh" Dulwich Hill, identified the body as that of his wife. She was 43 years of age and a native of Balmain. The inquiry was then adjourned until March 18, when it will be resumed at the Coroner's Court.

THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

MELBOURNE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

The President took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

EXTRA SITTING DAY.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved,—"That henceforth during the present session, unless otherwise ordered, Tuesday in each week be a sitting day of the Senate, and that half-past 2 o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day." He said the Government regarded it imperative to complete the Electoral Bill before the tariff came before them. The tariff might arrive much earlier than was expected, perhaps considerably before the end of next month. It was only in the event of necessity that the House would sit on Tuesday.

Senator Sir J. H. SYMON (S.A.) said he regarded the motion as premature, though it might be desirable to sit on extra days when the tariff was ready.

Senator STEWART (Q.) said he regretted that the capital was not somewhere in the back blocks, as then members would probably stick to their work. It seemed to him that there was a conspiracy to defeat the Electoral Bill. If the House did not get the Electoral Bill it was very improbable that members would get the tariff. Some of them were old hands at stonewalling.

Senator PLAYFORD (S.A.): We can stop that.

Senator STEWART said they were pledged to get the electoral measure, and would avail themselves of all the powers of Parliament to get it passed.

Senator MILLEN (N.S.W.) said it would be undesirable to sit on Tuesday at present, but he would be willing later on to sit from Monday to Friday.

Senator PLAYFORD (S.A.) was opposed to the motion, and said that if stonewalling were tried it would be checkmated.

Senator GLASSEY (Q.) said he supported the motion, but pointed out that there was a supreme necessity to get the tariff passed.

Senator Sir JOHN DOWNER (S.A.) said he saw no necessity for the extra sitting day at present, as he thought the energies of members should be conserved in view of the work which lay ahead.

Senator DOBSON (S.A.) said there was no possibility of the Electoral Bill becoming law this session, because as soon as the other House had done with the tariff it would have to consider the Estimates, the Public Service Bill, and other business. He feared that too little time would be left to the Senate to deal with the tariff in view of the necessity for closing the session in May. Unless the tariff was received within the next few weeks there would be no time to consider it properly.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he thought the remarks of Senator Stewart were only intended in a Pickwickian sense. If it were desired to attain an object, the worst thing was to threaten men who had any self-respect. If any attempt were made to stonewall or obstruct business, there were forms of the House which would effectually prevent that being done.

The motion was agreed to.

THE ELECTORAL BILL.

SECOND READING DEBATE.

Senator Sir J. H. SYMON (S.A.), in resuming the debate on the second reading of the Electoral Bill, said he repudiated any idea of there being a conspiracy to defeat the bill, but he was utterly and irrevocably opposed to it, and he intended to take every means in his power to prevent the bill being passed. He intended to move the omission in the motion of all the words after "that," with the object of inserting "having regard to the advanced period of the session, and to the fact that Parliament has not yet dealt with the question of the reform of the franchise for the States, it is not expedient to proceed further with the consideration of this bill." He said he defied anyone to understand without much study the complications of the measure. Would the Vice-President of the Executive Council like to get on a platform and explain it?

Senator MILLEN (N.S.W.): If he did the audience would never let him leave it alive.

Senator Sir J. H. SYMON: The measure was not urgent, and if passed next session it would be in ample time for the Senate elections, which would not take place until towards the end of 1903. The House had a very good representation under the existing service, and no great harm would be done to have another election under the old system.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: You want to delay the measure until after the election.

Senator Sir J. H. SYMON: He wanted the matter to be considered by the people, as at present very few could understand it. He preferred the collective judgment of the people to the eccentricities of mathematicians. (Hear, hear.) They could not shut their eyes to the signs of disappointment at the early work of the Commonwealth, and by hurrying work through they would be intensifying that feeling. Some members seemed to be afraid that Parliament would not outlast its present session, and were anxious to rush on with all kinds of legislation. It was amazing that the Government should invite the Senate to delegate to the House of Representatives the final arbitrament of the basis of representation for that House. He characterised Parts 3 and 5, dealing with electoral rolls and divisions, as an incurable muddle. The fatal blot on the bill was that it adopted two different contradictory systems for two Chambers. (Hear, hear.) The single electorates would give the people of the Commonwealth representation in the House of Representatives as fair as could be done. That House was the House of all others in which people should be represented in the fullest and truest sense, and yet they were told that the majority vote and single electorates were good enough for the House of Representatives. Which was the policy of the Government?—Proportional representation or majority vote? There was no reason why the Senate should be selected for all the experiment, which was not to be applied to the other House. He favoured majority rule. If Parliament were a consultative and deliberative body only, there might be much argument in favour of representing diverse opinions; but Parliament was a governing and legislative body. The beauty of the whole thing was the disagreement which existed between the advocates of various kinds of proportional representation. The system of voting should be simple, and thoroughly comprehended by the voter. He would like to know how any advocates of the referendum could for a moment accept the principle of proportional voting. How would it work in connection with a penal dissolution on some great issue? John Stuart Mill had been quoted in favour of proportional representation. He advocated a good many theoretical matters.

An hon. senator: Freetrade. (Laughter.)

Senator Sir J. H. SYMON: No; that was his absolute creed. He would rather take the testimony of a practical politician like John Bright, who declared the Hare system was more of a fad than any other. It had the additional advantage that scarcely anyone could understand it. He thought Parliament would be broken up by cliques led by political lunatics. His advice to an inquirer was to keep to the old ways, as they were the safest. Whilst he did not altogether adopt the constitutional view of Senator Sir John Downer, he thought it inexpedient, inadvisable, and inimical to the position and strength of the Senate that its right to speak with one solid voice should be taken away. He considered the voter would insist on knowing what was to be done with his vote. In Tasmania and South Australia, where the system of proportional representation had been tried, it had been abandoned.

Senator KEATING (Tas.) said the matter was of urgency, as well as of importance. He asked if the States were to speak with one voice why the representation should not be limited to a single member. He defended the distinctive systems of voting applied to the Houses. In New South Wales at the Senate election the candidates returned scored 442,094 votes, and those unreturned 649,300. Dividing those numbers by six gave 73,682 to the successful candidates, whilst 108,200 returned nobody. In Victoria the successful candidates were returned by 434,037 votes, and the unsuccessful ones polled 455,495 votes, or 72,336 and 75,916 votes. This was what happened under the block system. He was disposed to support proportional representation as superior to the block system. As to the argument that proportional representation would be destructive to party Government, he reminded senators there was some force in the contention if party lines were to be as rigidly observed as formerly, but under the present system members were allowed more latitude for the exercise of individual opinion. He would support the second reading with a view of securing modifications in committee.

The debate was adjourned on the motion of Senator Charleston.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 9.25 p.m. until 10.30 a.m. on the following day.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MELBOURNE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

The Speaker took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

DEFENCE ADMINISTRATION.

The MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, in answer to Sir J. L. Bonython (S.A.), said that they must not jump at conclusions from newspaper paragraphs, which represented Major-General Hutton as saying that in any changes he made he would consult the wishes of the State Governments. Such a statement would be quite contrary to the General's intentions, and the policy of himself as Minister for Defence. While having every regard for State Governments' wishes and requirements, he intended to administer his department from a federal point of view. (Hear, hear.)

THE TARIFF.

The tariff was further considered in committee of ways and means.

The discussion on item No. 193, "Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes of 12in. x 6in. (or its equivalent) and over, 1s per hundred superficial feet," was resumed.

Mr. CLARKE (N.S.W.) said he opposed the amendment made by Mr. Thomas (N.S.W.) on the previous day to make the item free. During the three years ending 1900 there had been imported into the Commonwealth timber of the value of £2,890,000, while the exports only amounted to £1,496,000, of which £1,218,000 worth was sent from Western Australia. He found on inquiry that the breaking strain of Australian black butt was much greater than that of Australian pine.

Mr. POYNTON (S.A.): What has that to do with Oregon pine?

Mr. CLARKE said he had not been able to get the figures relating to Oregon pine, but he felt certain that hardwood was better than either. It was less inflammable than softwood, and it would be unfair to ignore the interests of the timber-getters of New South Wales, Queensland, and other States in favour of Broken Hill. The principal reason for Broken Hill mines using softwood was the question of cost.

Mr. THOMSON (N.S.W.). Would you compel them to use cleaner timber?

Mr SPENCE (N.S.W.) said that had Mr. Clarke experience of Broken Hill he would not have talked as he did. It seemed singular to him that protectionists should profess such strong desire to save industries from injury, and yet in this case deliberately set themselves to work to injure Broken Hill miners. Oregon pine was the most suitable timber that could be got, if they were to believe men who managed the mines and worked in them. As to a comparison of Australian pine it was absurd, since Australian pine was hard and brittle. He would support the amendment.

Mr. KIRWAN (W.A.) said he could not understand Queensland members who professed freetrade assenting to this duty, except upon the assumption that there was a chance of sharing in the loot. Western Australia had a greater output of timber than did Queensland, and employed more hands in the trade than Queensland. Although the present forest timber of Western Australia was valued at something like 127 millions sterling, yet it would be absurd to say that Western Australian timber could compete in every department with timber from other parts of the world, any more than Queensland timber could. He would also ask the committee to pay some regard to the appeal made by the Timber Yard and Sawmillers' Employees' Association in Melbourne. These men begged that no duty should be imposed on the raw material.

Mr. GROOM (Q.) said they should have regard to the development of the very fine timber resources of the Commonwealth. In Queensland they had enormous forests which were being made accessible by local tramways and in a very short time Queensland would be in a position to export largely to other States. Fully 30,000 people depended on the industry. He read reports from experts to prove that Queensland timber was of the very highest value for manufacturing purposes. There was no class of pioneers in the Commonwealth more worthy of consideration than timber getters.

Mr. WILKS (N.S.W.) said while Western Australia had greater timber resources than the rest of the Commonwealth yet that State asked for no duty. The member for the Darling (Mr. Spence), who had large experience of mining requirements, and was in touch with the workers of the Commonwealth, was against the duty. As to Mr. Clarke's complaint that New South Wales was not exporting hardwood the reason was plain. New South Wales sawmills could not supply the local demand, let alone export. The inaccessibility of timber and the difficulty of getting cargoes out of the bar harbours of New South Wales greatly added to the cost of timber in New South Wales, and the development of the great natural asset must be left to the future. As to the position of those freetraders who, after resisting the demands of Victorian pining industries, succumbed to the demands of Queensland "pine," whether it was banana pine or sugar pine—(laughter)——

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Chanter): The hon. member must confine himself to the item.

Mr. WILKS said it was unfair to manacle him—(laughter)—when he was disposed to discuss this question in a federal spirit. He would just remind Victorians, South Australians, and New South Welshmen that if the claims of Queensland were granted the sawmillers of that State would be able to tax the other States. He did not believe that that would be the result, however, since the timber pine supply of Queensland was so small that it would not largely benefit, while the timber users of the Commonwealth would be very heavily taxed. Queensland pine was not as suitable as imported pine, neither for mining nor building purposes. As regarded white pine, the requirements of the Commonwealth at present were 24,000,000 feet a year of seasoned timber. Queensland, with all its sawmills working to the utmost capacity, could only produce one and a half million feet. As regarded Victoria, he would show that these duties would not assist their industries. For instance kauri——

The CHAIRMAN: The discussion must be restricted to the item before the Chair.

Mr. WILKS said he regretted that he should be restricted in this fashion, but he supposed that the difference in the fiscal views held by himself and the Chairman accounted for the circumstance. (Laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN said that in the chair he had no fiscal view—("Oh, oh")—but the rules must be regarded.

Mr. WILKS said he was very glad to know that it was only out of regard to the rules of the House that the Chairman so constantly interfered with him. He had felt deeply pained at the Chairman's action, though he had heroically struggled to suppress any signs of grief. (Laughter.) Neither the timber industries of New South Wales nor those of Queensland could be benefited by this duty.

Mr. SOLOMON (S.A.) said that the cost of timber when landed at Broken Hill mines could be divided into four parts, of which one-fourth, or £250,000 per year, represented the prime cost; the other fourth was the cost of ocean freight, and the balance of £500,000 a year was the cost of railage from Port Pirie. It would be seen that South Australia had an enormous interest in this question, and would have grave reason to fear a stoppage or diminution even of this trade. Queensland's claim was greatly discounted by the fact that she only exported £5000 worth of timber, while she imported £26,000 worth.

Mr. M'LEAN (Vic.) said he thought it unfair to refuse protection to all timber simply because it was desired to assist the miners of Broken Hill. The duty was a low one, but was to a certain extent protective. Gippsland was as largely interested in this matter as any part of Queensland. Sawmillers throughout Gippsland had for years been complaining of the unfair way in which Oregon competed with local timber, such as ironbark, blackbutt, mountain ash, blackwood, and other valuable timbers.

Mr. BATCHELOR (S.A.) said he thought the motion went too far. He must admit that Oregon was the only timber available for Broken Hill; jarrah, redgum, or other heavy timber was not suitable, and so far as he could see the only way to get over the difficulty would be that South Australia would have to reduce her freight rates and face the whole loss. He was in favour of making Oregon free, but he could not agree to the admission of all undressed timber free.

Mr. GROOM (Vic). said he supported the duty as being low and one that would afford revenue, while at the same time give some protection to local hardwood that was now passed over in favour of Oregon timber. He thought a fair compromise would be to allow a drawback on Oregon used for mining purposes.

Mr. EDWARDS (Q.) said he supported the Government proposal.

Mr. MAHON (W.A.) drew attention to the scanty attendance on the Government benches while such an important discussion as this was going on. He could not understand the extraordinary conversions of freetraders that had taken place on this subject. For instance, Mr. Groom supported this crushing duty, and he had a sawmill in his constituency. To put fresh burdens on the mining industry was an incitement to a reduction of wages, and places like Kalgoorlie and Broken Hill, that depended on mining entirely, would, if their mines were closed, contribute their population to the town as competitors with protectionists' pets. Newcastle largely depended on American timber ships to carry away their coal, which was carried at ballast rates. If this timber trade were abolished Newcastle would lose the loading of 40 or 50 ships a year. In the interests of the lives and safety of miners he would support the abolition of the duty.

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) said the duty was too high. No other primary industry was getting anything like 15 or 20 per cent., as was suggested in this case on oregon timber. Under no circumstances should they go beyond 10 per cent., which would be about 6d per 100ft. on oregon.

Mr. GLYNN (S.A.) said the result of the tax would simply be to stimulate Queensland industries at the expense of the mining industry. If they succeeded in stopping the importation of oregon the result would be that exporters of wheat, coal, and salt would find they would have to pay heavy increases on freight, and this would mean extra taxation, not only on miners, but on other primary industries.

Mr. FOWLER (W.A.) said he supported the proposal to abolish the duty, which would be nothing short of criminal. He, however, would favour the acceptance of Mr. Watson's compromise proposal at 10 per cent.

Mr. WILLIS (N.S.W.) said the proposal of the Government could not be considered seriously, and he would support the amendment.

Mr. M'LEAN (N.S.W.) said that if Mr. Watson's proposal of 6d per 100ft. were accepted by the Government the Opposition would support it.

Mr. POYNTON (S.A.) said he further supported the amendment, but would accept Mr. Watson's compromise.

Sir W. M'MILLAN (N.S.W.) said he thought there should be some attempt to introduce the principle of justice in this tariff. It was ridiculous to try to force the people of Broken Hill to use Queensland or Western Australian timber when oregon was cheaper and more suitable. He would recommend the withdrawal of the amendment with a view to the acceptance of a compromise of 6d per 100ft.

The TREASURER said he thought the whole discussion had occurred through a desire to placate Broken Hill. He denied the duties had been proposed to assist Victorian industries, and not to aid Australian industries. He would agree to reduce the duty to 6d per 100ft. on oregon. If the Opposition would not accept that he would ask for a vote.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) said he thought it strange that attention was paid to the request of half a dozen men engaged in a particular timber trade while the claims of 80,000 men interested in mining were ignored. In New South Wales 3000 and in Queensland 2000 men were engaged in the hardwood trade, yet the duty would not assist them in the slightest degree. He thought protectionists should be consistent in their action by admitting free what could not be produced in the Commonwealth. In such case they should vote for the free admission of Oregon.

Mr. O'MALLEY (Tas.) said it was necessary for them to see that the best and safest timber was supplied to mines in the interest of life and safety, otherwise in case of accident or disaster they would be morally responsible. He certainly hoped Oregon would be made free.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK (N.S.W.) said that Broken Hill must be a wonderfully reproductive place if it could stand all the taxation they proposed to place on it under the tariff. He thought Broken Hill miners deserved consideration, and he held the firm protectionist view they could make special provision with regard to Oregon timber. He would support the proposal to reduce the duty on Oregon only, but not on other timbers.

Mr. PATERSON (Q.) said he supported the Government proposal in the interests of the hardwood industry. A tax of £10,000 on Broken Hill mines would only mean 8d per week per miner.

Mr. THOMSON (N.S.W.) said he reminded members that as regarded Broken Hill at least the hardwood industry would not be benefited, but the duty would be only of a revenue character. He held that all timbers should be free in the interests of other industries as well as mining. He objected to any differentiation as dangerous, and thought any duty determined on should apply to all timbers.

Mr. SYDNEY SMITH (N.S.W.) urged the committee to be careful not to seriously injure the mining industry by passing the duty under notice. Already miners were heavily taxed under the tariff, from boots, clothing, and food to machinery. Nothing was given them in the shape of protection under the tariff, but every burden and handicap was placed by it upon them. He favoured the compromise of 6d per 100ft. as a fair one.

Mr. THOMAS (N.S.W.) said it was claimed that Queensland timbergetters paid £68,000 yearly revenue to the railways; but he would remind members that Broken Hill paid £400,000 yearly to the Government railways and £120,000 to a short private railway. It was surprising that with all its marvellous timber resources Queensland did not send more of her timber to the mother State; but, as a matter of fact, there were more sawmill operatives employed in New South Wales than in Queensland, and they did not ask for the duty. He recognised, however, it was useless for him to press his amendment that timber be free and he would withdraw it, and substitute another that the duty be 6d per 100ft. on all timber. He thought it would be better, fairer, and wiser to make it apply to all timber.

The amendment was negatived by 32 votes to 19 votes.

Sir W. M'MILLAN moved,—"That the duty be 9d." That would amount to 15 per cent., and would give freetraders on the other side the opportunity of voting for it.

The amendment was negatived by 33 votes to 19.

Mr. THOMAS (N.S.W.) moved,—"That Oregon timber be 6d per 100ft."

The amendment was carried by 28 votes to 25 votes.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) moved that the duty on Baltic pine be made 6d per 100ft.

The motion was subsequently withdrawn in deference to Sir W. M'Millan's wishes.

Mr. EWING (N.S.W.) moved—"That to the word 'Oregon' there be added the words—'to be used only for mining purposes.'" (Dissent.)

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Chanter) said he could not receive the motion, as the committee had already decided the item.

On the item "Timber, undressed, n.e.i., of sizes, 7in. x 2½in., and less than 12in. x 6in., 1s 6d per 100 superficial feet."

Mr. GLYNN (S.A.) said that as the tariff proposed timber smaller than 7 x 2½ should be 2s 6d per 100 superficial feet it would be convenient to take both sizes together.

The TREASURER said this end could be reached by amending the next item.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) said he saw no reason why there should be a difference in the two sizes, but since they were not to be taken together he would move that 7 x 2½in. timber be 1s per 100ft.

The amendment was withdrawn, and the item agreed to.

On the item, "Timber, less than 7in. x 2½in., 2s 6d per 100ft."

Mr. WILKS (N.S.W.) said that if the item were passed dressed timber would only pay as flooring boards a penny less per 100ft. than rough timber from which the flooring would be made. This was a new duty in New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, and Victoria.

Mr. GLYNN (S.A.) moved the duty be 1s 6d. His information showed that the duty would have the effect of stopping cutting-up in the Commonwealth.

Mr. M'LEAN (N.S.W.) said that the reduction on Oregon largely altered the measures of protection given by the tariff. Now that the duty was lowered on Oregon in larger sizes, this duty would be practically inoperative.

The TREASURER said there was a good deal in Mr. M'Lean's statement, but he thought the better plan might be to increase the rates on dressed timber. He would, however, be prepared to make the rate on this small timber 2s. That would give the local sawmiller 1s protection.

Sir W. M'MILLAN: Why not do it properly and make it 1s 6d?

After discussion,

The TREASURER said he would accept a reduction to 1s 6d.

The amended duty of 1s 6d was agreed to.

On item "Timber, dressed, n.e.i., 3s per 100ft.,"

Mr. GROOM (Q.) said he feared that Baltic timber introduced under this head would compete with Queensland timber.

Mr. MANIFOLD (Vic.) said that in his electorate this timber was all that could be used for building, and the duty should not be more than 2s.

Mr. TUDOR (Vic.) said he thought that Baltic deals might be made a special line at 2s 6d.

Mr. EWING (N.S.W.) said they should have regard to the interests of timber-getters, who were the hardest worked pioneers in the Commonwealth.

After further discussion the item was agreed to.

On the item "Architraves, mouldings, and skirtings of any material per 100ft., 5s,"

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) moved, "That the duty be reduced to 3s."

The amendment was negatived and the item agreed to.

The item "Laths per 1000, 5s," was agreed to.

"Palings per 1000, 15s," was agreed to; also "Pickets, dressed, 4s per 100."

On the item "Pickets, undressed, per 100, 2s,"

The TREASURER said he found these were raw material for laths, and he proposed to reduce the duty to 1s.

The amendment was agreed to.

On "Shingles, 3s per 1000,"

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) moved a reduction to 1s 6d.

The amendment was negatived and the item agreed to.

On "Doors of wood, 1¼in. and over, each 7s 6d; over 1¼in. and under 1¾in., 5s; 1¼in. and under, 3s 6d,"

Mr. M'LEAN (N.S.W.) said this duty was very high compared with the value of the wood in the doors. He moved the duty be 2s on all doors, which would in many cases amount to 25 per cent.

The TREASURER said the item was taxable in nearly all the States at even higher rates than proposed.

Sir W. M'MILLAN said he thought they should not hurry the vote on this item, which meant the importations of 20,000 in New South Wales. Many members had gone home.

After a long discussion Mr. M'Lean's amendment was withdrawn to allow Mr. Conroy to move a 20 per cent. ad valorem proposal.

The Government proposals were eventually agreed to however.

ADJOURNMENT.

Progress was reported, and the House rose at 12.22 a.m.

SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL.

PRISON VERSUS FREE LABOUR.

A meeting of the Sydney Labour Council was held at the Trades' Hall last evening. Mr. D. Quinn presided. The secretary read a letter from the secretary of the Goldfields Trade and Labour Council, Kalgoorlie, stating that work there, both for skilled and unskilled labour, was in a bad state. The writer said that several persons from New South Wales had visited Kalgoorlie, and he desired to warn others of the actual condition of things. The letter was received, and it was decided to inform the Kalgoorlie Labour Council that a similar condition of things existed at the present time in Sydney.

An anonymous letter was read, purporting to come from a resident of of Thursday Island now in Sydney. The writer stated that he had noticed that a deputation from the United Labour Union had waited on the Sydney Labour Council informing the latter body that there were 4037 unemployed in Sydney. He asked if the council was aware that the shelling and pearling industry was carried on at Thursday Island in a climate which was all the year round the same as in Sydney now. There was a population at the island of 1500, half of whom were Europeans, and the other half were aliens of almost all nationalities. These were labouring men. In addition to this number there were fully 2000 afloat in the shelling boats. The value in London of the shells produced during last year amounted to £15,000, and the estimated value of pearls obtained a further £30,000. The writer asked why the Sydney Labour Council did not look into the matter, and ascertain why an industry producing so much work should give employment to only about 100 men of the race described. The letter was received, and it was decided to forward the same to the labour party in the Federal Parliament, with a view of action being taken.

The secretary (Mr. T. H. Thrower) gave a verbal report with reference to the deputation that waited upon the Attorney-General recently re marble working that was carried out in the Bathurst Gaol. Mr. G. H. Jones moved a resolution to the effect that the reply of Mr. Wise to the deputation was unsatisfactory, and that the council enter a vigorous protest against the competition of prison labour with free labour. Mr. S. Smith, M.L.A., said the marble workers were quite unprepared to make out a good case. He advised all who desired reforms to carefully consider what they wanted, and to go to the Minister with a proper case.

The motion was carried, and it was decided to forward a copy of same to the Attorney-General.

SUPPLIES FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

The undermentioned tenders have been accepted for supplies and services for the Public Service for a period of 12 calendar months from July 1, 1902:—Bookbinders' leather: Part I., Birdsall Brothers; part II., H. Burgess. Bookbinders' sundries: E. J. Cook. Printing papers: Part I., H. S. Chipman; part II., E. J. Cook; part III., J. Spicer and Sons. Writing papers: Robert Southouse. Printing materials: Part I., A. G. Mitchell; part II., E. J. Cook; part III., A. G. Mitchell; part IV., C. Lake and Co. Photographic and photo-lithographic materials: Part I., Baker and Rouse, Limited; part II., Baker and Rouse, Limited. Millboards, strawboards, and marbled paper: Part I., E. J. Cook; part II., E. J. Cook; part III., E. J. Cook.

Purifies the Blood and Refreshes the Palate—Nicholl's Tasmania Dandelion Ale. Depot, George-st., C'dwn—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

FIRE ON A COASTER.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

A small outbreak of fire was discovered shortly before 4 o'clock this morning on board the steamer Dauntless, a small cargo vessel belonging to Messrs. Peter Callen and Sons, of Stockton, and employed in trading between Newcastle and Port Stephens. The Dauntless returned from a trip to Port Stephens at 9.30 last night heavily laden with a cargo of timber and produce, and was moored for the night alongside the steamer Gosford, the property of the same owner, at Queen's Wharf. It appears that at 3.45 this morning Senior-constable Olsen, of the water police, whilst parading the wharf noticed flames issuing from the engine-room, and he at once aroused the crews of both the Dauntless and the Gosford. The police assisted by the sailors arrested the progress of the fire with buckets of water, and upon the arrival of the City Fire Brigade the flames were soon extinguished. The casing of the boiler was destroyed, but the damage otherwise done to the vessel was not of an extensive character. It is presumed that the heat from the boiler resulted in the ignition of the casing, but the fire was fortunately discovered before it had secured a firm hold.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

A swimming carnival was held under the auspices of the Pirate Swimming Club at the Corporation Baths, Newcomen-street, to-night. There was a large attendance of aquatic enthusiasts, and a great deal of interest was manifested in the different contests. The programme embraced 11 events, for each of which there was a large number of competitors. The principal officials were:—Referee, Mr. S. S. Arnott; judge, Mr. J. Smith; starter, Mr. J. Guilfoyle; timekeeper, Mr. J. Smith; and hon. secretary, Mr. W. Palmer. Appended are the results:—

60 Yards Race, for boys under 16, attending school.—Final: E. Timbury, 7 seconds, 1; J. Keith, 16 seconds, 2; C. Lees, scratch, 3. Time, 55 seconds.

100 Yards Invitation Scratch Race.—W. Bishop, 1; J. T. Canning, 2; J. Robison, 3. Other starter: F. Young. Won easily by fully five yards. Time, 1 minute 4 7-10 seconds.

60 Yards Interclub Race. Decided in eight heats of six competitors each.—Final; R. Patterson, 9 seconds, 1; J. M'Hattie, 10 seconds, 2; W. Brain, 7 seconds, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 46 seconds.

Novelty Race, 60 yards; competitors to swim 30 yards breast stroke, 30 yards on back with feet first.—R. Patterson, 1.

Teams Race, 180 yards; first prize three gold medals; teams of three each.—H. Pearce, H. Parker, and S. Thomas, 6 seconds, 1; W. Featherstone, H. Miller, and C. Featherstone, 4 seconds, 2; W. Dix, E. Chaff, and W. French, 6 seconds, 3. Won easily by two yards.

Novelty Race, 60 yards; competitors to climb over a net, swim to end of baths, and dress themselves in full suit of clothes whilst in water.—H. Field, 1.

Inter-club Handicap, 90 yards.—Final: T. Smith, 8 seconds, 1; F. Ralph, 9 seconds, 2; W. Dix, 8 seconds, 3. Seventeen starters. Won by a couple of yards. Time, 1 minute 7 seconds.

Novelty Race, blindfolded, 60 yards.—J. M'Hattie, 1.

A CRICKET MATCH.

An interesting cricket match, between teams representing the Newcastle Club and members of the legal profession was played on the association cricket ground to-day and resulted in a win for Newcastle Club by three wickets and 32 runs, the scores being:—Newcastle Club, 217 for seven wickets; and the legal profession, all out for 185. For the winners the principal scorers were:—J. R. Hall (26), J. C. Wood (13), Dr. Bowker (not out 58), H. C. Langwill (33), and J. Cowen (46); and for the losers H. J. Brown (43), J. Dart (13), W. A. Reid (10), A. H. James (35), and T. D. O'Sullivan (16). Messrs. J. R. Hall and J. R. Wood were the most successful bowlers for the victors and Mr J. A. Wood for the losers.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB.

The election of office-bearers of the Wallsend Jockey Club resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Thomas Abel (re-elected); hon. treasurer, Mr. John Wilkinson; judge, Mr. Thomas Abel; clerk of the course, Mr. Robert Dean; handicapper, Mr. W. C. Quinton; clerk of the scales, Mr. John Moss; starter, Mr. John Renfrew; and timekeeper, Mr. David Renfrew. The club has decided to hold a race meeting on Easter Monday and offer £195 in prizes.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The barque Rowena arrived to-day from Table Bay to load a full cargo of coal from the Wallsend Colliery for the west coast of South America; the barque Craiglands arrived from Table Bay to load for a foreign port the name of which has not transpired, and the barque Battle Abbey arrived from Melbourne to load for a foreign market. The barque Sava sailed for Valparaiso with 1325 tons of Wallsend coal, and the barque Bass Rock sailed for Mollendo with 1512 tons of Seaham coal.

In the inter-state trade the following coal-laden vessels were despatched to-day:—Steamer Kamona, for Devonport, via Port Kembla, with 650 tons; steamer Mokoia, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1180 tons; steamer Moira, for Brisbane, via Sydney, with 600 tons; and the steamer Barwon, for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 4400 tons. The steamer Ras Elba cleared at the Custom-house to-day for Melbourne with 4400 tons.

At the City Court to-day a labourer named Robert Loades, 21, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour on a charge of having stolen from the person of one John Henney, two seamen's discharges, a pawnticket, and a sum of money.

The steamer Sophocles arrived to-day from Sydney to load a cargo of wool and frozen meat for London direct.

A small outbreak of fire occurred this evening at a boarding-house occupied by John Rees, and situated at 140 King-street, city. The damage was of a trifling character.

The Master Bakers' Association of Newcastle district has advanced the price of bread by one halfpenny per loaf, owing to the high rates now ruling for flour. Bread is now sold retail at 3d per 2lb. loaf.

The band of the 4th Infantry Regiment gave an excellent performance in the Upper Reserve to-night, in aid of a bandsman whose residence was recently completely destroyed by fire.

The residents of Wickham have resolved to recognise the past services of the ex-Mayor, Mr. Welford, who has retired from an active municipal life.

Meetings of ladies, convened by the Mayoresses of boroughs of Merewether, Hamilton, Waratah, and Wickham, were held in the respective council-chambers this afternoon for the purpose of appointing collectors on Benevolent Saturday, the 8th proximo.

THE HALF-HOLIDAY QUESTION AT GOULBURN.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The police court was occupied all day in the hearing of a case in which Alfred Arthur Mitchell was charged with a breach of the Half-holiday Act by keeping his shop open last Saturday afternoon. Mr. T. B. Clegg, clerk in charge of the administration of the Act, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Betts for the defence. Mr. Clegg before the case opened gave a synopsis of what had been done under the Act. It was, he said, a matter of perfect indifference to the department whether the Goulburn shopping district observed Wednesday or Saturday, but there having been so many changes, and there having always been a section of the shopkeepers dissatisfied, the department desired that some determination should be come to which would bind all the storekeepers. For the prosecution evidence as to the sale of goods was given by Inspector Baden. Mr. Betts submitted a number of technical points. The magistrate said the Bench would not dismiss the case on a technicality. Evidence was then given with the object of proving that there were 215 shopkeepers in Goulburn, irrespective of hawkers, on the date of the memorial, which was signed by 56. Mr. Clegg challenged a large number of the names on various grounds. He objected to all bakers, photographers, blacksmiths, hawkers, and millers. Subsequently he conditionally withdrew his objection to some of the names. The Bench decided to admit millers and bakers. With regard to mixed shops, Mr. Clegg admitted that persons who sold general goods and observed the law were entitled to be placed on the list. The police magistrate intimated that unless Mr. Clegg could strike off 28 names from the list submitted by the defence, as checked by the Bench, he could not win. The case was adjourned till Saturday.

THE EASTER ENCAMPMENT.

DIFFICULTY ABOUT WATER.

The views and suggestions in writing of the various officers commanding regiments in connection with the proposed four days' continuous training at Easter are coming to hand, and by Monday Brigadier-General Finn expects to be able to come to some decision on the matter. The commandant naturally desires to utilise the £5000 available to the best advantage. One important point which must not be overlooked in this period of drought, it is pointed out, is the water supply. If a metropolitan camp is arranged for Rookwood, and no general rain falls in the interval before Easter, it is very doubtful if a sufficient supply of water can be obtained for say 6000 men and nearly 2000 horses at Rookwood. The resources of the Army Service Corps would probably be unequal to the strain. At the present time inhabitants in the outlying districts are said to be purchasing their water requirements.

MASTER TAILORS' ASSOCIATION.

ADOPTION OF RULES AND CONSTITUTION.

A well-attended meeting of master tailors of Sydney was held at the Chamber of Manufactures, Pitt-street, last night, under the presidency of Mr. E. T. Walsh. The business was the consideration of a draft constitution and set of rules brought forward by a committee. After slight amendments the constitution and rules were adopted.

The election of officers after ballot resulted as follows:—President, Mr. E. T. Walsh; vice-president, Mr. W. Chorley; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. J. Hayward; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Landau; committee, Messrs. Walker, Davis, Millin, M'Kenzie, Howes, Hagon. Thanks were returned by the officers elected, and there were general expressions that the formation of the association would tend to the social and general welfare of the members and the improvement of the trade generally. Messrs. E. T. Walsh, W. Chorley, and R. C. Hagon were appointed the association's delegates to the Arbitration Board. Messrs. Howes and E. J. Curran were elected auditors.

VICTORIA.

A FATAL DRIVING ACCIDENT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A fatality is reported from Glenburnie, in the Broadford district. Mrs. William Hammett and her daughter Nellie, aged 5, were driving to a spot where the husband and sons were at work. In turning a sharp corner the cart wheel struck a stump and the vehicle overturned. Mrs. Hammett was pinned to the ground by the neck, which was broken, and the child had her back broken. The bodies were not found till the evening.

THE CHARGES AGAINST F. T. J. DICKSON.

In the Criminal Court to-day Frederick Thomas James Dickson, formerly accountant at the Melbourne University, who had been found guilty on four charges of making false entries, and who subsequently pleaded guilty to charges of embezzlement and larceny, was called up for sentence. Mr. Schutt, counsel for Dickson, said he desired to withdraw the technical points of law raised by him at the trial. He added that Dickson had received payment from Mr. A'Beckett of the £100 loan, and of this amount £40 was refunded to the University, and the balance was applied to Dickson's defence. Mr. Justice Hodges, in passing a sentence of five years' imprisonment, said that that was the smallest punishment which to his mind could meet the case, and was made up of two years on a charge of making false entries, two years on a charge of embezzlement, and one year on a charge of larceny.

MISS AMY CASTLES.

Mr. J. C. Williamson has received a cablegram from Miss Amy Castles announcing that she was to have sailed yesterday for Australia in the French mail steamer Polynesien.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

NEED OF AN EFFICIENT MINISTRY.

The United Methodist Conference was continued to-day. It was decided that in the afternoon all members of the conference, headed by the president, should attend the Governor's levee. A resolution was carried thanking the ex-president, the Rev. A. K. Edgar, for valuable services, and the resolution, together with a handsomely bound Bible and hymn-book, was conveyed to Mr. Edgar, who, in the course of his reply, briefly reviewed the history of Methodism in Victoria. The great outstanding event of his year of office was the fact that the long-hoped-for Methodist Union had come at last. The union should manifest itself in more zealous efforts for the land in which God had placed them, and should make for a higher and worthier type of citizenship. He trusted that the united church would cherish and extend the interests of religious education. The day was gone when Methodism could afford to slight or ignore the claims of education. Ignorance was no helpmeet to religion. He fervently hoped that the united church, while not without its rich men, would ever be and glory in being the church of the common people. They must keep in view the need of an efficient ministry. He feared the presence of some perfunctory preachers in their ranks who had lost their energy or had missed their vocation, but continued to demand appointments, and thus crippled circuits. Why should they continue to find charges for men who might be fit for business or trade or mechanical work, but who could not grip an audience or administer a cure of souls? They needed an efficient ministry of men who could speak out.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

A deputation of unemployed waited to-day upon the United Methodist Conference to bring under notice the distressed condition of the workless, and to ask the conference to use its influence with those in a position to provide employment. The conference sat in committee of the whole to receive the deputation, and Messrs. J. Murray and J. Griffin, who acted as spokesmen, were invited on to the platform. They mentioned that the unemployed had arranged to wait every day on some influential person or body until they secured sufficient employment to provide bread. Dr. Fitchett said the conference had every sympathy for the workless, and would see what could be done. Meantime, as tangible evidence of sympathy, a collection plate was passed round, and a good sum realised. This was handed over to the deputation.

PECULIAR CASE OF FORGERY.

James Pulling, aged 40, a boarding-house keeper at Flinders, was presented at the Criminal Court to-day on a charge of forgery, committed under peculiar conditions. The facts as admitted by Pulling, who pleaded guilty, were that being desirous of election as councillor of the shire of Flinders, he added the names of seven ratepayers to his nomination paper. Mr. Justice A'Beckett said the offence was one that demanded punishment. He therefore committed Pulling to prison for a month, but directed that he was not to be placed with the criminal classes, to which he undoubtedly did not belong.

THE GOVERNOR'S LEVEE.

Sir George S. Clark held his first levee since assuming office this afternoon at the Exhibition Building. The attendance was large and representative. His Excellency was presented with addresses from the various public bodies.

A CONFESSION OF MURDER.

A telegram received to-night from Mitiamo states that Richard Henry Wills, who is detained by the police on a charge of vagrancy, has confessed to the murder of an old man named Edward Woods at Dingee on the night of February 22. Wills has made a detailed confession, covering eight pages of foolscap. The police decline to disclose the contents of the confession.

At the inquest held to-day on a labouring man named Daly and a married woman named M'Leod, the evidence showed that in both cases heavy drinking was indirectly the cause of death.

TWO CITY BURGLARIES.

Two premises adjoining in George-street were visited by burglars during Wednesday night, but in neither instance was there much property stolen. Two bottles of whisky, two boxes of cigars, and a quantity of cigarettes were removed from the Crystal Hotel, which is situated close to Market-street. Extensive alterations to the premises are now being carried out, and it is believed that the robbers concealed themselves about the building before closing time. It is thought that the men left the hotel by means of the roof and passed thence on to the next building, occupied by Mr. D. Bernard, picture-frame manufacturer and importer, which was entered by the skylight. At the latter place two tills had been forced, but they contained no money, and the only booty removed was a few shillings, which were extracted from a hospital box.

SOUTH AFRICA DAY.

A meeting of the executive committee of the South Africa Day demonstration was held at the Arcadia Hotel, Pitt-street, last evening. Major Antill, D.S.O., was in the chair. The hon. secretary read a considerable amount of correspondence, and also reported that several distinguished military officials and others had arranged to be present at the demonstration to-morrow, including Colonel H. D. Mackenzie, A.A.G. (chief staff officer), Colonel Paul, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. Critchett Walker, C.M.G. It was arranged that the "veterans" should assemble at 9 a.m., also that the parade ground should be from the Domain gates to the Gardens, in line facing east. Veterans on the right; the marker from each corps to report to Warrant-officer Muckleston.

PETROLEUM NEAR CAPE LEEUWIN.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Premier of Western Australia, Mr. Leake, states that the Government Geologist of that State has been instructed to report upon the supposed discovery of petroleum springs in the direction of Cape Leeuwin.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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Custom-house.—Entered outward: February 27, Ariel, American four-masted schooner, Captain J. E. Anderson, for Honolulu, via Newcastle; Quiraing, s., Captain A. Forrester, for Noumea; Adelaide, s., Captain D. J. Davies, for Brisbane; Rockton, s., Captain M. M. Osborne, for Melbourne; Marloo, s., Captain W. Knight, for Fremantle, via ports; Mokoia, s., Captain C. Spinks, for Wellington.

Arrivals expected to-day from interstate ports are the Moura, Tyrian, and Rippingham Grange, from Queensland ports; the Yawata Maru and Laura, from Melbourne; and the Mararoa, from Auckland.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. China arrived at Colombo from Australia on Wednesday morning, the 26th instant.

BAR HARBOURS.

The following reports were yesterday received as to the bars along the coast:—

Bateman's Bay.—15ft. on the bar, 13ft. on crossing at high water.

Ballina.—15ft. on bar, 10ft. on inside channel at high water.

Harrington.—12ft. 6in. on bar, 9ft. on crossing, rise of tide 3ft. 6in.; beacons in line.

Camden Haven Heads.—7ft. 6in. on bar, 7ft. on crossing at high water.

Nambucca Heads.—Bar 8ft. at high water, 2ft. 6in. rise of tide.

Port Macquarie.—11ft. on bar at high water.

Crookhaven Heads.—15ft. on the bar, 9ft. 6in. on the flats, sea smooth, at high water.

Moruya.—7ft. 6in. on inner bar at high water.

Yamba.—14ft. on the bar at high water, beacons in line.

Tweed Heads.—10ft. on outer bar, 8ft. 6in. on inner bar at high water; rise 2ft. 3in.; west crossing 6ft. 6in.

PASSAGES ENGAGED BY THE CHINGTU.

The following passages have been engaged by the China Navigation Company's Chingtu sailing at 1 p.m. to-morrow for China and Japan, via Queensland ports, Thursday Island, Port Darwin, and Manila:—Captain and Mrs. M'Intosh, Captain and Mrs. F. Garrick, Mr. and Mrs. Spenser and 2 children, Mr. Ahearn, Mr. T. J. Walker, Mr. Lock, Mr. Sayle, Mr. Downes, Miss Lavers, Miss Downes.

NO OTHER WAY.

BY SIR WALTER BESANT.

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CHAPTER II.—Continued.

ON THE POOR SIDE.

"Now that we are alone, sir, pray take a chair. Will you have another pint of wine? No? Forgive me if I am inhospitable. Tell me, sir, if you will—believe me, it is not idle curiosity—tell me who you are and how you came to fall so low? Your appearance, your manner, your speech, all proclaim a gentleman and a scholar."

"I am a lawyer, madam, as these rags may show you. I was of the Irish Bar. I have been called to the English Bar by the Benchers of the Inner Temple."

"A lawyer! There are not, surely, many lawyers here?"

"Madam, I believe that I am the only one. The lawyers avoid the penalties of debt; they are mostly connected with wealthy families, or with attorneys in the way of business; they are not, as a rule, very poor at the outset. These creditors know whom they can trust. As for me, I came over to make my fortune."

"You said that you had no friends in Ireland?"

"I have cousins in plenty. We are a poor family of gentlefolk. My father was in Holy Orders. He died, and I spent my slender patrimony at Trinity College and in studying for the Bar in Dublin. Then I came over, trusting to the possession of certain gifts or qualities which, I thought, would advance me. I had but little when I arrived in London. But I had no fear. I thought I should get on quickly, and I bought certain things with which to make a better appearance, anticipating fortune." He stopped and sighed.

"It was a mistake that you made."

"Fortune delayed. She would not be hurried. The beginning to which I looked forward was slow in arriving. Then my creditor—there was but one—began to press for the money. I had only promises to give him. I could not, in a word, pay his bill—it was only twenty-five guineas. Madam, I am willing to acknowledge the truth of what that lady, your friend, advanced. It is true that there are many people who would not pay their just debts but for the horror of the prison. My example, and the example of such as myself, are to them a warning. It is the only justification of the Debtors' Prison. If at any time our legislators could see their way to enforce the payment of debts without imprisonment for life, this unjust punishment would cease. As it is, madam, I am imprisoned for life for a debt of twenty-five guineas, which I am forbidden to pay by the fact of my imprisonment. The thing is monstrous; but it is the law."

"Twenty-five guineas? Do you mean that a gentleman like yourself can be imprisoned for life—for the whole of his life—for a paltry debt of twenty-five guineas?"

"The law makes no distinction between gentlemen and the common sort. It imprisons everybody for life; it has but one sentence. Whether the debt is a shilling or £10,000, one must pay or be imprisoned for life."

"But—surely—twenty-five guineas!"

"It is not much. The law, again, in order to keep the prisoner from the shame of confessing the small amount for which he is locked up, encourages the attorneys to practise the rule of multiplication. My debt is now about £75, I believe. This, you observe, in the eyes of turnkeys and prisoners themselves is much more creditable."

"But, pardon me, I am inquisitive; have you really no friends who would pay so much for you? It is not much. You could afterwards repay it."

"Madam, I have no friends. Cousins I have, but cousins are not fond of relieving the necessities of their relations. Besides, there are religious difficulties. Some of them are Catholics, and my father was a Protestant. Some of them are poor, and would resent the mere suggestion of giving help. Friends? Yes, I had friends at Trinity, but they are mostly penniless like myself. When all have to make their way in the world, what compassion or assistance can one who falls expect? He is like a man wounded in the field of battle and left there to die."

"Is your father living?"

The young man shook his head.

"He died. He built so many hopes upon me that I thank God he has not lived to see my destitution."

"You are, then, quite friendless?"

"Quite—so far as asking assistance is concerned. If I were successful I should find scores of friends—of my old set at Trinity—who would rally round me. I can ask no one for assistance. If I could borrow, I have no security—and, besides, the costs, in such a case as mine, go on growing of their own accord. The attorney sits at his desk and watches them as they grow. The costs, in such a place as this, are like the brambles which grow and spread until they cover the whole ground. Still, it is, as you say, a poor thing to represent a life-long—or a life-short—captivity. At the Last Day I shall make answer and say: 'I have done no work. My talent was taken from me and buried in a napkin. I have been forbidden to work. My sins are those of discontent and rebellion against the strokes of fate.' And all, as you say, for twenty-five guineas, with the attorney's costs. He will not get those costs paid. That is some consolation."

"A poor consolation."

The lady's eyes were visible behind her mask. They were soft and limpid eyes, and they were filled with tears.

"It was really shameful on the Masters' Side to confess that one was kept here for a debt so trifling. Twenty-five guineas! Why, they pride themselves on the extent of their debts! A man who is detained for thousands is a leader here by right of his extensive liabilities. Outside, wealth commands respect; here it is the amount of a man's debts! On the Poor Side there is no such pride; we are all detained for small amounts—'Beggarly,' as the turnkey said."

"Debt, with costs, no more than £75. Mr. Macnamara, I fear that I should be doing you a grievous injustice if I were to saddle you with my debts."

"Not at all, madam. In the first place, I should rejoice to be of service to a lady so soft-hearted and so full of mercy as yourself. In the next place, your offer assures me a sufficiency of food. Do not think too meanly of me when I confess that for food I would put away from me the last rags of pride and self respect."

"Sir, I cannot think meanly of you—I think of you with so much pity. Sir, it is impossible—I will not load you with my debts. I retract my offer. I will not accept of you as a husband even in name and title only; it is too great a burden of humiliation to lay upon your shoulders."

The young man was silent. He glanced at his bare feet and the ragged gown.

"As you will, madam. I have at least conversed once more with a gentlewoman. I thank you. And I will go back to the Poor Side." He rose, and bowed low. "I thank you, madam, for your compassion."

"Stay, sir—one moment. Is your condition quite hopeless?"

"It is quite hopeless."

"Even if I refuse to do you the injustice—the cruelty—of making your imprisonment lifelong, without counting your private detainers?"

"Madam, there is no hope for me."

"And you will go back to your misery? How will you live?"

"I do not know, madam."

"You will have insufficient food. The winter will come on; you will have no fire, no bed, no covering. Alas, sir—alas! What will you do?"

He smiled a cold and wintry smile.

"Madam," he said, "there is a splendid bed large enough to accommodate us all not far down the road. It is a parish bed. Those who lie in it feel neither heat nor cold. They go barefoot; they want no clothes; they want no food; they are nameless, and no one inquires for them. The feet of the people pass daily beside their bed, but they hear nothing; no one asks after them; they lie asleep, and they are forgotten. They want no pity, madam, not even of your kind heart; and they ask not to be remembered. Forget me, madam. Let me go on. That bed waits to receive me and all my ragged friends on the Poor Side." Again he bowed, and would have gone out; but the lady stopped him again.

"Sir, stay. If you were free to-morrow, what would you do?"

"What would I do if I were free?" His eyes suddenly lit up. "If I were free! I have never dared to ask the question. If I were free! Why speak of impossibilities?"

"Sir" (the lady placed her hand upon his arm), "it is not impossible. Believe me, it is not impossible. Say again—if you were free?"

"If I were free—oh, if I were free!" A sudden flush of colour came into his cheeks. "If I were free I should go back to the Inner Temple! Where else could I go?"

"And then?"

"I should wait on Fortune. There are many chances for a barrister. Why, I am a scholar, as good as most of them. I know as much Law as any of those who are beginning. I can speak—I learned to speak at Trinity. All Irishmen, they say, can speak. I should make, somehow, a start, and—and—and—— O God! I am a prisoner, on the Poor Side. My brain is on fire. It is your wine and your compassion. And I dream of King's Counsel and the Judges!"

The tears crowded to his eyes and rolled down his cheek.

"Sir," she repeated, "I will not, I say, do you the injustice we contemplated. Meantime, let me" (she placed a purse—her long silk purse, with gold at both ends—in his hand), "let me—against the time when you are King's Counsel and have taken silk and are a Sergeant-at-Law—advance you a small sum."

He stood silent. The purse lay in his hand; he was transfixed. His eyes filled with tears.

"Madam," he gasped at length, speaking in a manner at random, as one who knows not what to say, "it is too much. You are an angel. The prison has become a Pool of Bethesda. Its waters, to be sure, are always troubled. The angel takes the prisoners out of the troubled waters. It is not quite the same." He collected himself. "Madam," he said, "how shall I—— Madam, you overwhelm me——"

"Then show your sense by taking the money. Indeed, sir, you must! It is necessary for you to return to the other side—to be once more habited as becomes your profession—to live, if you must remain for a while in this place, with the gentlemen who are for the time your companions. Sir, if you refuse you will insult me. I shall believe that you mean to insult me. Sir, what have I done that you should insult a stranger?"

"Madam, I place my honour in your hands when I take this purse. Perhaps—nay, I know not how or when, or if it is possible—kind Heaven may one day give me the opportunity—— Your honour is always safe in your own hands; but there may be a time—there may be—— Once a mouse delivered a lion."

"Sir, I am sure that if such a time were to come I should be able to depend upon you. Remember that on many occasions a woman has been saved by a gallant knight."

He received the purse, but unwillingly. To take the lady's money was to lower himself in his eyes. Yet he was poor and in rags, and had no means of buying the next meal—no bed and no blanket—no books and no occupation.

"If, madam, I must take your money, at least let me know——"

"My name? No, sir, best not to know. I have learned yours. Let me watch your course, myself unseen."

"Then let me, only for once, see that lovely face. I know that it is lovely because it is the home of pity. For once let me look upon it, if only that I may grave it upon my heart."

The lady lifted her mask. The young man was right. Truly it was a lovely face, and now it was glowing with pity and blushing with the shame of being found out in a kind action. Her eyes, downcast, were full of tears; her cheek was humid with tears; she looked like the very goddess of pity. The young man sank upon his knee. He forgot his rags and his poverty; he forgot his bare legs and his bare feet, his shabby beard and his unkempt wig; he was a gentleman once more, and a gallant, and a worshipper of the sex. He took her hand and bent over it and kissed it—as a grateful gentleman should.

Just then Mrs. Brymer opened the door.

"May I come in?" she asked.

The young man rose and retired a step. The dressmaker had seen him, however, on his knees; she saw the purse in his hand, the lady without her mask, the tears in her eyes, and the too newly born look of hope and joy in the face of the prisoner from the Poor Side.

"Tut—tut!" she said, "this is very unbusinesslike. Madam" (she stooped and whispered), "take back your purse. Let me deal with him. Five shillings a week and he will be dead in six months, and you will be free! Oh! you have suffered yourself to pity him! Shame! shame! Business knows no pity."

She stood up and sniffed violently, to show her disapproval of methods quite obsolete in business.

"Mrs. Brymer," said her debtor, "there will be no business done between this young gentleman and myself." She rose and held out her hand to the prisoner. "Sir, I am sorry that I mistook your condition and your station. Forgive, I pray you, the nature of the proposal that was made to you. Meantime" (she pressed his hand with encouragement), "hope—dream of freedom. Let your thoughts at least return to the Temple. It is but an advance—a trifling advance" (she dropped her voice to a whisper), "till you hear from me again." She replaced the mask. "Now, Mrs. Brymer," she said, "you have still another way: let us lose no time, let us go at once and adopt that other way. My heart has now become like adamant for hardness,—do not fear for me any more,—like steel, or adamant, or the nether millstone." As they went out she turned back. The prisoner was gazing after her stupidly. "Sir, farewell—or not farewell—till our next meeting! Perhaps, after all, you may save my reputation."

(To be continued.)

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION, N.S.W.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.

The board of directors of the A.N.A. met at their rooms, 289 Pitt-street, on Monday, the president, Mr. J. Nobbs, M.L.A., being in the chair. Charters were granted for the opening of Auburn, Rookwood, and seven other branches, all of which are to be opened on March 1 and during the month. The following resolutions were carried by the board, and the general secretary instructed to forward them to the respective authorities:—"That the board of directors protest against any attempt being made to call for applications outside the Commonwealth for the position of sanitary inspector to the City Council." "That the board of directors of the A.N.A. respectfully protest against any attempt being made to procure from abroad any person for the position of superintendent of the Technical College until the Commonwealth is exhausted, and it is proved beyond doubt that there is no Australian citizen qualified for the position." "That the Minister for Public Instruction be requested to issue instructions that 'Hail Australia' and other national songs be taught and sung in the Public schools of New South Wales." "That a communication be sent to the Prime Minister of Australia intimating that in the opinion of this board the designs of the federal flag and seal are not of a national character, and they respectfully submit that both should be changed for designs more emblematical of Australia." "That the statements of Drs. Worrall and Atkinson at the Hobart Medical Congress, 'That the A.N.A. was not a legitimate friendly medical benefit society,' are untrue, and that our certificate of registration from the Government fully establishes our position as legitimate and legal."

The auditor's report for the year ending December 31, together with balance-sheet of the management, funeral and propaganda fund, was read, and ordered to be printed with sessional report. The board of directors' report for the year was read, and also ordered to be printed and distributed amongst all branches, as provided for by the rules. The report was of a satisfactory character, showing an increase of 27 branches for the year, and nearly 1600 members, with an increase of funds amounting to over £500. The general secretary also reported to the board that the increase of members from the commencement of the year to date totalled over 400.

It was decided that the session of representatives should be held, commencing on Monday, April 21, at 10 a.m. The president reported that 40 branches would be represented at the session, as against 11 represented last year.

A NEW BRANCH AT DRUMMOYNE.

A well-attended meeting was held at the Council-chambers, Drummoyne. The Mayor, Mr. S. Bell, presided. Addresses explanatory of the aims and objects of the association were delivered by the president (Mr. J. Nobbs, M.L.A.) and the vice-president (Mr. W. Martin, J.P.). Mr. J. J. Cohen proposed, and Mr. J. T. Kelly seconded, that a branch of the A.N.A. be formed in Drummoyne. This was supported by Mr. Mark Williamson and others, and carried unanimously. Messrs. J. J. Cohen and J. T. Kelly were appointed secretaries pro tem. Twenty-five gentlemen signed the requisition as intending members, and the opening of the branch was fixed for Wednesday, March 5.

The proprietors of the "Sydney Mail" forwarded to the board of directors an enlarged photo of the A.N.A. patriotic meeting held in the Town Hall on the 10th instant. The general secretary was directed to forward a vote of thanks passed by the directors to the "Sydney Mail" for their handsome gift.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Public holidays have been proclaimed as follow:—District of Gundagai, Tuesday, March 4; police district of Berrima, Friday, March 7; district of Bega and electoral districts of The Tweed and Ballina, Wednesday, March 12; district of Braidwood, Thursday, March 13; district of Bombala, Wednesday, March 19; districts of Muswellbrook, Aberdeen, Scone, and Murrurundi, and electoral district of East Maitland, Thursday, March 20; police district of Cootamundra, electoral districts of The Tweed, The Richmond, Ballina, Lismore, the districts of Neville, Broken Hill, Peak Hill, Grenfell, Nyngan, Wentworth, Monday, March 17.

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The Departure of the First Battalion of the Federal Contingent for South Africa is illustrated in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

BRUCE HAMILTON'S DIVISION.

A FLYING EXPEDITION.

A BOER RUSE.

A FICTITIOUS BRITISH COLUMN.

NIGHT MARCHES BY THE BRITISH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

NEAR AMSTERDAM (Transvaal), Jan. 3.

Flushed with the brilliant success that had crowned their arduous work of the previous fortnight, Williams's, Rawlinson's, and Wing's fighting columns, directed by General Bruce Hamilton, set out from Ermelo on a flying expedition at 7 o'clock on the evening of December 19. Rawlinson's column comprised English Mounted Infantry and Yeomanry, with Colonel Stewart's Johannesburg Mounted Rifles (largely Scotchmen). Wing's force was made up of the 18th and 19th Hussars and Western Australians; and Williams's column comprised Canadian Scouts, Colonel Lassetter's 2nd New South Wales Mounted Rifles, and Major Carington's 3rd New South Wales Bushmen. We had travelled about 25 miles, when a terrific storm burst. So fierce was it that our horses came literally to a standstill. For upwards of an hour the rain poured in torrents, and a Cimmerian blackness settled down, which was made more intense by the extraordinarily vivid shafts of lightning that "tore the dark in two," greatly terrifying our horses. When at last the storm abated sufficiently to allow of the journey being resumed we galloped smartly on in order to make up for lost time; but the delay had proved fatal, and on arrival at the farm on which a Boer laager had been located we found to our intense disappointment that we were too late, all the Boers having flown with the exception of two, from whom we learned that the commando had disappeared over a huge kopje in front of us a few minutes before our arrival. With our horses in their exhausted state the General would not continue the pursuit, and after resting a couple of hours the force retraced its steps to a point some five or six miles off, where it had been arranged we should meet the waggons with the men's blankets and provisions. The whole way back we were sniped at, about 50 of the enemy being seen. The rain continued almost incessantly, everyone being more or less drenched, and the waggons, owing to the sodden earth, miles and miles of heavy marshes and difficult drifts, did not arrive until late that night. The experience was not by any means a pleasant one, and was rendered all the more disagreeable because of the fact that our work had proved practically resultless.

CAPTURES BY THE BRITISH.

The following night we moved out again, and on this occasion almost touched the Swaziland border. Once more heavy rain hampered our movements, though this time we were fairly successful. A ride of 30 miles brought us near our destination just as day broke, and some 300 Boers were seen away in the distance, off-saddled, and apparently unsuspecting. The order to gallop was given, and the force went thundering along, when, to the general vexation, a dense fog rapidly enveloped the whole country until it became almost impossible to distinguish an object five yards away. Consequently the troops had to be brought in, and a close order of march resumed. These fogs are extremely mystifying, and over and over again have parties of the enemy escaped under cover of them, while occasionally it has happened that the Boers have turned them to advantage by creeping up behind a British column and attacking it more or less successfully. In this instance the commando got away, but following on cautiously for a few miles we captured half a dozen waggons and nearly 1000 head of cattle, as well as 11 prisoners. It was an ideal spot for defensive purposes, providing magnificent cover, and the capture was not effected without some resistance from a few Boers, who either could not or would not leave with the others. Two of them were killed and two wounded, while we had one casualty, a man being shot in the hand. This trooper—a Western Australian—was fired at by one of the enemy secreted behind a huge rock; the shot missed its mark, and the Australian galloped forward. Up went the Boer's hands immediately, and, taking the surrender in good faith, the trooper dismounted. Thinking he had him at a disadvantage the treacherous Boer instantly picked up his rifle, which he had thrown down, and fired. The bullet passed through the Australian's hand, but that Boer lived only a moment longer. He wore a full-dress uniform of the Staats Artillerie, and, the prisoners informed me, belonged to Botha's signalling corps. All day the rain continued, and camp at Bank Kop was not reached until nearly 11 o'clock at night, the outing having occupied about 28 hours.

CROSSING THE VAAL.

The following day the force rested, and on the morning of the 24th started out on the return march to Ermelo, the intention being to reach that place early on Christmas morning; but the Vaal was found so swollen that it was impossible to cross it, and in attempting to do so a corporal of the Hussars was drowned, poor fellow! His body was not recovered, though a search was continued for several hours. General Hamilton decided to camp close to the river, and to heliograph to Ermelo for pontoons, in the absence of which we should probably be compelled to wait some days before being able to get the waggons across the river.

Christmas Day broke miserably wet and cold, and the surroundings were so dismal that one felt impelled to refrain from expressing the orthodox wish, "A Merry Christmas," which under the circumstances sounded strangely out of place. The pontoon party had made an all-night march from Ermelo, and at about 8 o'clock the force made another start. The scene at the river was full of bustle and incident. The pontoon bridge was hastily thrown together, and while by this means the vehicles were crossing, the men were swimming their horses across, and the cattle were also being made to swim over. This work occupied some hours, but very few animals were lost, and shortly before dark the force arrived at Ermelo, tired, wet, and hungry, for the supplies had given out, and very few of the men had had anything save a couple of biscuits to eat throughout the whole of Christmas Day.

Nevertheless, one and all made the best of the situation, and general good humour prevailed. The Christmas of 1901 will not be soon forgotten by those who spent it trekking from the Vaal to Ermelo.

TACTICS OF THE ENEMY.

From the garrison we learned that during our absence a portion of Colonel Spen's column had been cut up at a place 12 or 15 miles away, the casualties being estimated at 50. It seems that Colonel Spen had received information of the presence of a party of Boers a short distance from his camp, and despatched a detachment of English M.I.'s to pursue them. The Boers adopted tactics which have been attended with success so often that one would imagine it was high time British officers declined to be duped in this way any longer. A few of them showed themselves on a slight rise, and retreated slowly before their pursuers, who had got within easy range when they saw riding towards them from the right a large force of khaki-clad men with officers riding in front of them. These, it was concluded, must of course be portion of another British column, but when the newcomers had ridden up to within 80 yards of them they were undeceived. Thus taken by surprise the M.I.'s were unable to offer much resistance. Almost before they knew where they were a great many had fallen before the heavy fire poured into them by the Boers, and of the 180 about 50 were killed or wounded and 70 or 80 taken prisoners, the latter having been stripped being allowed to go free. This unfortunate event has naturally, to some extent, counteracted the value of the work recently done in this district by General Hamilton.

Throughout this war the British have been considerably hampered by the presence of traitors in their camps, and a fresh example of this has just been afforded us. A night or two after our departure from Ermelo a native was found leaving the lines of the details—dismounted men, men with unfit horses, and so on, who had been left behind—and on being searched a letter addressed to General Botha was discovered. The letter contained particulars relating to a convoy which was expected to leave Standerton for Ermelo, and stating that the escort would be so weak that it should be an easy matter to capture the lot. The native confessed that he was in the employ of one of Colonel Wing's conductors—a Dutchman who had surrendered—and had on several occasions carried letters to and from the Boers. Of course, the conductor in question was immediately arrested and upon his kit being searched indisputable evidence of his treachery was discovered in the form of a letter in the course of which General Botha thanked him very cordially for the information and assistance he had given his countrymen in the past, "especially in connection with the successful attack upon Benson's column."

The force waited four days at Ermelo, and during that time the men received Christmas gifts in the form of beer, tobacco, and plum-pudding. These were provided out of the profits of the canteen system—a most admirable system, which enables the troops to purchase necessaries at very reasonable rates, and for the introduction of which the credit is said to be chiefly due to General Buller. Each member of the Mounted Rifles also received a quantity of tobacco and Christmas presents from Colonel Lassetter.

THE REBELS CAUGHT NAPPING.

About 7 o'clock on Sunday evening, December 29, the three columns set out once more from Ermelo, and since then, working chiefly at night between Bank Kop and Amsterdam, we have been very successful. The night marches need not be described in detail; they were much the same in character as those to which I have already referred. After our return to Ermelo the various commandoes, believing they would not be troubled by the British in this district for another month or so, split up into small parties and laagered at different farms, so that their horses might obtain a rest after the harassing that they had lately experienced. Our quick return was quite unexpected, and thus it is that we have caught so many of "the brethren" napping. The Sunday night march resulted in the capture of seven armed Boers and two natives. One of the prisoners told me that he had been fighting ever since the beginning of the war, and was one of the escort that marched the first 200 British prisoners from Dundee to Pretoria. "It's disgusting," he said, "to think that after two years' hard fighting I should be caught asleep and have to hand over to you 40 cartridges and the Mauser that I have used all through the war." In the course of further conversation, he said the Boers did not hope to win now—most of them realised that they were hopelessly beaten, still it was their duty to fight on until their Government and leaders thought fit to end the war. "And," he remarked, "it is very humiliating to every true burgher to find so many Boers now fighting against their countrymen. We never imagined there were so many traitors among us, and I am sure there is not a man among you British who thinks any the more of them for such conduct; is there?" This man further said that the Boers had for a very long time been without sugar, salt, and flour; they had not wanted for fresh food, and still had a fair supply of mealies hidden away, but he admitted that during the past month they had received what he termed "a very hard knock."

CAPTURE OF ERASMUS.

The new year was ushered in as we were marching in the midst of a dense fog, accompanied by a soaking drizzle, and that day we captured, a few miles from Amsterdam, 16 waggons, 300 cattle, and 22 prisoners. In several of the waggons were families, including those of General Erasmus and his brother, and amongst the correspondence found were several letters from Boer commandants to Erasmus, forwarding copies of telegrams sent by one British general to another, which information had been obtained by tapping our wires.

Last night a detachment of our force made a clever capture of seven waggons and 27 prisoners, and another detachment made an even better capture, the notorious General Erasmus and 58 of his followers being taken. Thus this trek has already resulted in the capture of 110 Boers, in addition to many waggons and hundreds of cattle. No wonder General Bruce Hamilton wears a satisfied smile as he moves about, for in less than a month he has accounted for more than 500 Boers.

The heavy and continuous rains render transport work a matter of much difficulty, and the convoy which reached us yesterday from Ermelo had a particularly rough experience. Much of the country to be traversed was marshy, and, though pontoons were brought along, the crossing of the rivers and swollen spruits was not effected without the loss of several mules, and the overturning of two or three waggons laden with supplies, which were swept down the currents. The rains are not without their advantage for us, however, inasmuch as in such weather the Boers, with bullock waggons, are unable to move except at a very slow rate of speed.

DEPUTATIONS.

SPIT TO MANLY TRAMWAY.

A large deputation of residents of Manly and others, accompanied by Messrs. E. W. Quirk, E. M. Clark, G. Howarth, and W. F. Latimer, Ms.L.A., waited upon the Minister for Works yesterday morning with the view of urging the construction of a tramway from the Spit to Manly. The members of the deputation presented a petition signed by 8000 persons requesting the carrying out of the line. The Minister was reminded that a deputation with a like object in view had waited upon him some time back. The people of Manly ought, it was contended, to have the advantage of two services. At present Manly could only be reached by the sea. Other suburbs had received tramways whilst Manly had been neglected. The tramway would provide an alternative means of reaching Sydney, and would be of great use to holiday-keepers. At present when rough weather prevailed Manly was altogether cut off from Sydney, and such a state of things required remedying.

Mr. O'Sullivan, in reply, said that he sympathised with the deputation. He only had £90,000 this year to spend on tramlines, and the whole of the money had been apportioned. All he could do was to prepare a case for submission to the Cabinet with the view of determining whether the line should be included amongst those to be carried out with the next money voted. He spent £22,000 last year in tramway construction, and did not regret the money at all. There could be no better investment for loan money than in constructing tramway lines where there was a possibility of them paying. He understood that Manly was growing in popularity every year; a tramway line would be of great service there, and all he could promise was that he would endeavour to get the work carried out as early as possible.

BEACH IMPROVEMENTS AT NEWCASTLE.

Mr. Dick, M.L.A., who was accompanied by Messrs. Brunker, Price, Gilbert, and Edden, Ms.L.A., introduced a deputation from Newcastle to the Minister for Works yesterday afternoon to ask for a grant of £1000 for the purpose of extending the beach improvements at Newcastle. It was explained that a like sum had already been expended. It was necessary, however, that the retaining wall should be further constructed, otherwise the work already done would be of little avail. The improvements were being carried out by the local council.

Mr. O'Sullivan, after consultation with Mr. Keele (Principal Engineer for Harbours and Rivers), said that it was impossible for him to provide any funds for this work until the next financial year. An amount should, however, be at the disposal of the council by July next, and he would endeavour to make it £2000, as he recognised the necessity of the work.

SHOWGROUND AT BROADMEADOW.

A deputation from Newcastle was introduced to the Minister for Works yesterday afternoon by Mr. Dick, M.L.A., with regard to the covering in of a drain running through the showground at Broadmeadow. Mr. O'Sullivan promised that he would endeavour to have a certain portion of the drain covered in and the rest fenced off.

INFANTS' HOME, ASHFIELD.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Infants' Home, Ashfield, was held yesterday afternoon at the boardroom of the Liverpool, London, and Globe Insurance Company, Pitt-street. There was a fair attendance. The chair was occupied by Senator J. T. Walker.

The secretary (Miss Martin) read the annual report, which opened with a brief resume of the aims of the home, and the means applied to reach the objects in view. The primary object of the home, it was pointed out, was to provide shelter and help, both moral and material, for unmarried mothers with one child. A strict rule, however, was that under no circumstances was an unmarried girl with more than one child admitted to the home. The home also received widows and deserted wives with their children. The children of widowers, who might for any reason be unable to provide suitable care and attention for their motherless babies, and, in certain cases, the children of married people who were temporarily unable through illness or want to keep their children with them, were also admitted. During the past year of the 36 mothers who had been in the home 16 were provided with situations, 16 more returned to their parents, while 4 were married to the fathers of their children. Of the 21 mothers now in the home 3 were deserted wives, 1 was a widow, and 17 were unmarried girls. The committee pointed out that it was a matter for congratulation that there were many charitable people who were willing to adopt and give a good home to children who had no relations, that was to say, to foundlings or orphans. Of the 61 children who left the home during the year 5 were adopted, 53 left with their mothers or other relatives, and 3 were boarded out by the Government.

The treasurer's balance-sheet was presented to the meeting. It showed the funds of the home to be in a satisfactory condition.

Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.A., moved the adoption of the report. He referred to the great work accomplished by the home during the years of its existence. The erection of the new wing would, he felt sure, be a great benefit to the home, and he had not the slightest doubt that the benevolent public would continue to stand by the institution. (Applause.)

The Rev. J. H. Landau seconded the adoption of the report.

The resolution was carried.

On the motion of Mr. S. G. Robey the following officers were elected:—Committee, Mrs. R. M'C. Anderson, Mrs. H. J. Carter, Miss Dixson, Mrs. Gollin, Mrs. Haswell, Mrs. Winchcombe, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Yarnold, Mrs. E. F. Stephen, Mrs. Street; hon. medical officer, Dr. E. G. Blaxland; hon. dental surgeon, Dr. Gates; hon. auditor, Mr. S. Gordon Robey.

THE SYDNEY SUBURBAN CHESS UNION.

The second annual general meeting took place at the Hotel Australia last night. Rev. S. S. Tovey (the president) was in the chair, and amongst those present were Messrs. Miles, Beeby, C. E. Turner, Haden, Macintosh, Smith, Britton, Solomon, Anderson, Harris, Horn, Willis, Turner, Hodgkinson, Jonas, Walshe, Ridley, Bamford, Spedding, Somerhoff, Blanluth, Parry, and Beaumont (hon. secretary). The balance-sheet showed the finances to be in a satisfactory condition. The premiership was won by Paddington with 10½ wins, Ashfield 9½, St. Leonards 8, Bligh 7½, Burwood 6½, Willoughby 6, Balmain and Randwick 5½, Petersham 4, Water and Sewerage Board and Warringah 2, St. John's and St. George (retired) being the other competitors. The following players get the president's medals (the score represents wins outright, drawn and default games not counting):—Mr. Melville, 8 wins; Messrs. Friend, Turner, Jonas, Blanuth, 7 wins; Voickman, Britton, M'Intyre, Willis, and Miles, 6 wins. The membership was shown to have increased from 203 to 251—an excellent sign of the general prosperity. Considerable interest was shown in the direction of forming a B team competition for the forthcoming year. The report and balance-sheet were duly adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Rev. S. S. Tovey (unanimously); vice-presidents, Messrs. Ridley and Turner (unopposed); hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, Mr. J. L. Beaumont (unopposed); delegates to the council of the New South Wales Chess Association, Messrs. Beaumont, Jonas, Smith, and Parry. The medals were presented to the successful players by the president, and the meeting broke up with a hearty vote of thanks to him.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

THE TURF.

Entries in the horse section of the show of the Royal Agricultural Society must be made before Wednesday, March 5.

A unique accident occurred at Kensington yesterday in the final race of the day. When the horses were lined up at the barrier Sea Bird became fractious, and, putting her head under the flank of Federation, threw the son of Russley over the inner railing of the race track. Sea Bird got rid of her rider, and in attempting to jump the outer railing struck it with such force as to send it flying out of its place. Federation broke the railing on his side of the track, and sustained a nasty wound in the flank, while his jockey got a severe shaking. Sea Bird took part in the race, and ran well, but Federation, who was well backed, was withdrawn.

The card of the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap will be read at the rooms of City Tattersall's Club this evening at 8.30.

There will probably be not more than four starters in the V.R.C. St. Leger, as Master Darley has no doubt been left in through an oversight. Reports from the training tracks indicate that United States is not himself, and the brunt of the battle will be between Haymaker and Grasspan. Although the latter is trained here he is owned by a Victorian sportsman, and therefore New South Wales owners will not be represented in this classic event this year.

There are 14 horses left in the Australian Cup after the declaration of final acceptances. The name of that wonderful mare, La Carabine, who is doing good track work, disappears from the list, and also that of her stable companion, United States. No surprise is expressed at the withdrawal of either Patronage or Man-o'-war, especially as the former was never seriously entertained in the betting market as a starter, and Man-o'-war has apparently lost his form since leaving Sydney. A few backers in this colony expected Hoop Iron to run well, and will be disappointed at his withdrawal. Mr. Macdonald has a strong hand in this race with two such representatives as Revenue and Aurous, and he has left both of them in, scratching Wakeful.

The following scratchings were recorded to-day in connection with the Rosehill Autumn meeting:—Roberts and Mafeking Stakes: Undaunted. Ladysmith Stakes: My Mate. Chamberlain Stakes: Neichdale.

The Clarence River J.C. has decided to hold races during the show week in May. Mr. G. H. Varley has been elected chairman of the club, Mr. C. A. G. Lillingston judge, and Mr. J. Campbell starter. The club has resolved to purchase one of Gray's latest starting machines. The secretary was instructed to communicate with the principal country racing clubs with a view of holding a conference at Sydney during Easter to consider what can be done in the way of lessening the influence of pony races in regard to registered meetings.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Forest Lodge to-day, the first event starting at 2.15 p.m.

For the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next entries close with the secretary (Mr. P. O'Mara) before 5 p.m. to-day. The card appears in the business columns.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Rosebery Park on Tuesday next, and entries for the different events close with the secretary (Mr. A. E. Bateman) before 5 p.m. to-day. The programme appears in the business columns.

The secretary, Mr. E. G. James, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the events to be decided at Forest Lodge on Monday next. Particulars may be ascertained on reference to the advertising columns.

MORNING GALLOPS.

The atmosphere was cold and bracing early yesterday morning at Randwick, and the "magpie" track was in capital order for work, having been well watered overnight. Portugue was one of the first gallopers, and ran a mile in 1 minute 52½ seconds, going in a very free manner. Good Speed went three-quarters of a mile, but not at her best pace, and Merlina traversed a circle under similar conditions. Suvre ran five furlongs in 1 minute 7 seconds, finishing up the straight, and looks very well. Womerah and Juindo easily galloped a mile and a furlong in 2 minutes 8½ seconds, and a trio to finish five furlongs about together in 1 minute 6 seconds were Argo, Nickel, and Alannah. Nous and The Caretaker were not extended over a mile, but Coralie was ridden out to beat Dunk over six furlongs, run in 1 minute 21½ seconds, the mare being several lengths in front at the finish. Prince Butler dashed five furlongs off in 1 minute 7 seconds, while Nahpro ran once round in 2 minutes 10 seconds, appearing rather sore the first part of the gallop, but she worked it off. Blackwing and The Mite occupied 1 minute 22½ seconds in running six furlongs, while Courada and King Pin negotiated a circle together in 2 minutes 15 seconds. Dahomey and Tatterdemalion put six furlongs to their credit in 1 minute 21½ seconds. Barley Bree defeated Lucifer by three and Abe by other two lengths at the end of a circle run in 2 minutes 8½ seconds. Rabato put in a good strong round, but was not fully extended. Foxy beat Westbil by three lengths at the finish of a mile run in 1 minute 51 seconds, and Happy Days ran six furlongs alone in 1 minute 23 seconds. Choker, Zuo, and Lady Buller spurted five furlongs in 1 minute 7 seconds, while April Fool and Phillibeg ran round together in 2 minutes 10½ seconds. Cin beat Ruskin by three lengths at the end of a mile in 1 minute 50 seconds, and Jewellery was in front of Bellis when six furlongs had been run in 1 minute 22 seconds. Clarence ran a mile alone in 1 minute 50 seconds, while War Cloud and Victory beat Ruella by several lengths at the finish of six furlongs in 1 minute 21½ seconds. Queen of Sheba and Redeemed were not asked to do their best over a mile and a quarter, but Always, Downpour, and Valento were all out to run six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds, Babble and Barindi beating Draper over a like course in 1 minute 23½ seconds. La Simmer and Portland Light each spurted at the end of easy work.

The tan was also used for fast work. Ferryman easily ran six furlongs in 1 minute 21 seconds, and Dottawood put a circle past in 2 minutes 21½ seconds, Chassepot accompanying him the last mile. Lord Middleton ran six furlongs in 1 minute 23½ seconds, while Street Arab and The Maine put a mile past in 1 minute 53 seconds comfortably. Several others did serviceable tasks.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NEWS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Master Darley has been withdrawn from the St Leger, leaving four final acceptors.

Architect has been added to Mr. R. H. Frew's team at Flemington.

Locksmith has been put into work again at Caulfield.

The V.R.C. scratchings to-day were:—Hopeful Stakes: Blue Rose. All engagements: Chassepot. Ascot Vale Stakes: Yardley filly, Felicitous colt, The Ripple, Shot and Shell, Madagascar, Blue Ruin, Athanie, Murna, Fantan, Phyl, Danae filly, Chintz filly, Swing filly, Carolina gelding, Oakwood, Milner, Devonian, Albania colt, Cairo, Ballyroogan, and Devenport. Sires' Produce Stakes: Captain Carrington, War-I-an, Donald, and War Chief. Hopeful Stakes: War Chief.

VICTORIAN TRAINING NOTES.

CAULFIELD.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

It was very cold with a westerly wind blowing this morning. The grass track was open for work, and was in capital order. Clanside (C. Parker) ran five furlongs in 1 minute 7½ seconds. Affable did six furlongs in 1 minute 21½ seconds. Drawbridge (G. Wheeler) gave Loch Sly (Riley) a start in a spin of six furlongs, and caught her in 36½ seconds. Five furlongs were run in 1 minute 3½ seconds, and six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds, pulling up. Wairiri and Farewell were treated to four furlongs in 52 seconds, done comfortably. Cordite showed how fast the going was by running six furlongs in 1 minute 18 seconds. Veloce, Warchief, and Silenus skipped over five furlongs in 1 minute 5½ seconds, and six in 1 minute 21 seconds. Blue Rose went easily over four furlongs in 53 seconds. There was nothing to choose between Mairp (C. Cooper) and Como (R. Manning) over a mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 16½ seconds. Ampier (J. Stevenson), Vanity Fair (C. Cooper), Myosotis (Barton), and Moonbeam (R. Manning) were sent a gallop together. Myosotis was quickest away, with Moonbeam last off. Myosotis had a break of three lengths at the end of four furlongs in 49½ seconds from Vanity Fair and Ampier with Moonbeam last. Five furlongs were covered in 1 minute 3 seconds in the same order with Vanity Fair coming fast and being hard ridden. Vanity Fair won a good trial by a neck from Myosotis in 1 minute 17½ seconds. Ampier was six lengths off and Moonbeam last. Ampier appeared to be eased down at the finish, while Moonbeam never could make up the lost ground. Posca and Gamma, both shoeless, dashed off five furlongs in 1 minute 3 seconds. Honeybee had pacemakers at different portions of a mile and a quarter, traversed in 2 minutes 18 seconds. Speculation and Bonnie Chiel went easily all the way over seven furlongs, of which the last six were done in 1 minute 21 seconds. Repeater and Manaroo did a strong mile and a quarter. Eminence (J. Daniels) beat Nikola (J. Berkley) very easily over six furlongs in 1 minute 18½ seconds. The first four furlongs took 49½ seconds. Dundee was sent six furlongs in 1 minute 22 seconds.

FLEMINGTON.

It was very cold and wintry this morning. Both the sand and tan tracks were in first rate order, and some very good gallops were done. Centurion made a very early start, and did a mile and a quarter on the sand in semi-darkness in 2 minutes 18½ seconds. The next to appear on the tracks were Sir Foote, ridden by L. Kuhn, who will steer him in the Newmarket Handicap, and Andorra (Turner), who was lightly shod. They were sent along for five furlongs at top speed on the tan, and did it in 1 minute 8 seconds, a capital gallop. Sir Foote, who had the outside running, was ridden with the whip for some distance, but he finished well, and looked to be going on, though both horses were together at the end of the spin. Gratis and Merton Steel had an easy task. Bruntwood spurted over a long five furlongs on the tan in 1 minute 10 seconds. Blue Metal (E. Turner) galloped a mile and a half on the tan. Starting away slowly he was 65½ seconds over the first half-mile, but then put on all sail, and, assisted by Nymagee over the last seven furlongs, he completed the full journey in 2 minutes 52½ seconds. The last mile was run in the clinking time of 1 minute 47½ seconds. Billali was better than Man-o'-War in a three-furlong spurt in 42½ seconds. Marmont did strong work. La Carabine (Lewis) did a really splendid gallop over a mile and a half on the tan. Starting off by herself, she ran the first half-mile in 56 seconds and at six furlongs was joined by Fairyland. The mile post was passed in 1 minute 48½ seconds, the mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 16 seconds, and the full distance in 2 minutes 46 seconds, the last mile taking 1 minute 49½ seconds. This is the fastest gallop done on this track for a very long time. Royal Mail did some good work. Eleanor (R. Lewis) beat Rienzi over five furlongs on the sand in 1 minute 7½ seconds. United States, who was very sore, did some half pacing. Presto and Positive were together for five furlongs on the sand in 1 minute 7½ seconds. Royal Oak did useful work. The Corsican did half pacing. Union Jack galloped a mile and three furlongs on the tan and ran the last mile in 1 minute 55 seconds, The Geisha beating her over that distance. Hard-a-Lee ran six furlongs in 1 minute 24½ seconds. Barbarossa (Ivory), Flintlock (Turner), and Spartan tried conclusions over a mile and a half on the sand, Rose-de-Lis (Barden) joining in for the last half of the spin, and at the end, after a capital set-to, Barbarossa just beat Flintlock, with Spartan bringing up the rear three lengths away. The full journey took 2 minutes 47½ seconds; the last once round 2 minutes 32½ seconds, and the last mile 1 minute 51½ seconds. Fire Up did strong pacing. Tip Top was not fully extended over six furlongs on the tan in 1 minute 26 seconds. Fishery (Turner) beat Independence (Mills) and Strata-Florida over five furlongs on the sand in 1 minute 5 seconds, and ran six furlongs pulling up in 1 minute 21½ seconds. Independence had somewhat the worst of the start, but lost ground, and Strata Florida never got a look in. Sir Joseph galloped two miles on the tan in 3 minutes 56½ seconds, but, as usual, was sore after it. Grasspan would not gallop a yard, and was beaten out of sight by Hoop Iron, who ran the last six furlongs of the spin in 1 minute 24 seconds. Brakpan (F. Kuhn) was better than Meridian (J. H. Smith) over five furlongs on the sand in 1 minute 7 seconds. Milner (F. Kuhn) beat Chatter (W. Burn) by five lengths, with Oakwood (C. Power) beaten off, in a gallop over five furlongs on the sand in 1 minute 6½ seconds. Strathjoy, as usual, went well, and ran five furlongs on the tan in 1 minute 8½ seconds. Parvo ran the same distance on the sand in 1 minute 7½ seconds, while it took Ayr 1 minute 9 seconds to complete it. Haymaker (J. Byrne), with the outside position, was running all over Gazelle (P. King), with Flying Jib (G. Minter) beaten some distance, at the end of once round the sand in 2 minutes 35 seconds. The first half mile was run in 55 seconds, and six furlongs in 1 minute 25½ seconds. Risdon did strong work. Australian was striding along at a sound pace. His last five furlongs were done in 1 minute 9 seconds. Duchess went easily. Ibex cantered. Chelsea did strong work. Carinthia (Ames) spurted a short distance. Erio was well in hand over a mile and a quarter, the last mile taking 1 minute 56 seconds. Donald and Wa-ri-an had a little in reserve at the end of five furlongs on the sand run in 1 minute 9 seconds, while Homeward Bound and Athenie did it comfortably in half a second faster. Cretonne galloped once round the sand in 2 minutes 34½ seconds. Harmony did a useful task. Progedior went strongly. The gallop of the season over a mile and a half on the sand was done by Flagship (Richardson), who, ridden out, ran it in the splendid time of 2 minutes 45 seconds, which has not been beaten for a very long time. The first six furlongs were run in 1 minute 20 seconds, the mile in 1 minute 48 seconds, nine furlongs in 2 minutes 1½ second, mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 25½ seconds, and once round in 2 minutes 29 seconds. Mytie spurted three furlongs. The Victory ran five furlongs on the tan in 1 minute 6½ seconds, Niphetos joining in for the last three furlongs. Limber (Murphy) galloped a mile and a half on the sand in 2 minutes 53½ seconds, going comfortably, and the last round took 2 minutes 37 seconds.

MELBOURNE BETTING MARKET.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The card for the Newmarket Handicap was called over the first time at the Victorian Club this evening, but the attendance was poor, and very little business resulted. A commission came into the market on behalf of Drawbridge, and about 2000 was secured at prices ranging from 8 to 6 to 1, with 5 to 1 on offer at the close. A wager of 80 to 10 was booked about Aurous. Parcels of 500 to 7½ and 1000 to 12½ went down to Progedior, and 1000 to 30 to Moonbeam.

Privately during the afternoon Aurous was backed to win about 1200 at 6 to 1, and 800 to 40 was secured about Bonnie Chiel. Backers wanted 100 to 6 about Carinthia, but 100 to 8 was the best to be had, and 100 to 35 was on offer against Sir Foote, with 3 to 1 wanted. The closing prices on offer were—100 to 35 v. Sir Foote, 5 to 1 v. Drawbridge, 7 to 1 Aurous, 10 to 1 v. Ibex, 100 to 8 each v. Carinthia and Wairiri, 100 to 5 each v. Bonnie Chiel, Mylas, and Myosotis, 100 to 4 each v. Ampier, Eminence, and The Victory, 100 to 3 each v. Vanity Fair, Moonbeam, Nikola, and Paroo, 100 to 2 each v. Progedior, Berenice, Andorra, and Chesilbeach, 100 to 1 each v. Kenley, Tiptop, Presto, and Verres.

Very little business was transacted on the Australian Cup during the afternoon. Flagship found support to the extent of 1500 at 10 to 1. Aurous was still a firm favourite at 3 to 1.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following acceptances were declared to-day in connection with the autumn meeting of the above club:—

FIRST DAY.

ST. LEGER STAKES.—1¾ mile.

Mr. A. M'Cracken's br f Feud, by Pilgrim's Progress—Vendetta; Sir Rupert Clarke's br c United States, by Hill of Portland—Happy Land; Mr. T. Jennings' b c Master Darley, by Little Bernie—Trente Rose; Mr. M. F. Whitty's br c Haymaker, by The Cardinal—Harvest Lass; Mr. A. W. Raby's b c Grasspan, by Grafton—Pie Crust.

SECOND DAY.

AUSTRALIAN CUP.—2¼ miles.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Revenue ...	9	7	Haymaker ...	8	2	Feud ...	7	4
Limber ...	8	12	Grasspan ...	8	0	Aurous ...	7	2
Blue Metal ...	8	11	Flagship ...	7	11	Felicitous ...	7	0
Australian ...	8	7	Nitre ...	7	10	Verres ...	6	7
Barbarossa ...	8	3	Flintlock ...	7	10			

KENSINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The pony and galloway races held at Kensington yesterday were well attended. Appended are the results:—

Fifteen Hands Handicap (15.0) of 30 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—G. Smith's b f Rosa, by Goodfellow—Ladylike (N. Scanlon), 3 years, 7st 5lb, 1; J. Tomlinson's ch g Jasper, aged, 7st (W. Mooney), 2; W. Campbell's b g Friendless, aged, 7st, 3. Other starters: Minerva, 10st 1lb; Mirrel, 9st; Acorn, 8st 12lb; Gipsy, 8st 6lb; Loyal Prix, 8st 5lb; Clansman, 8st 2lb; Beacon, 8st; Olive, 7st 12lb, including 2½lb over; Edna, 7st 10lb; Imperial 7st 7lb, including 3lb over; Flavia, 7st 2lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Acorn, 5 to 1 v. Loyal Prix, 6 to 1 each v. Olive and Beacon, 7 to 1 v. Rose. Won by a head, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 58 seconds.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 25 sovs., 5½ furlongs.—V. Robinson's b m Rapidity, by Navigator—Celerity, aged, 7st (W. M'Mahon), 1; B. Greer, jun.'s b m Princess, aged, 7st 4lb (W. Cartwright), 2; J. Shannon's b m Tricky, aged, 8st 2lb (W. Mooney), 3. Other starters: Janet, 8st 5lb; Firelight, 7st 5lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Rapidity and Tricky, 4 to 1 v. Princess, 5 to 1 v. Janet. Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1 minute 12 seconds.

Novice Handicap (15.0) of 25 sovs., 5 furlongs.—C. Cottrell's ch g Encore, by Blairgowrie—Waitress, aged, 7st 5lb (E. Ensor), 1; R. Day's b or br m Turquoise, aged, 7st 8lb (W. Scanlon), 2; M. P. Gray's b m Diana, 6 years, 7st 9lb (W. Evans), 3. Other starters: Opinion, 7st 10lb; Horseshoe, 7st 6lb; Rosebank, 7st 5lb; Shop Woman, 7st 1lb; Bay Metal, 7st; Premier, 7st. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Horseshoe, 4 to 1 v. Rosebank, 6 to 1 v. Shop Woman, 7 to 1 v. Diana. Won by a head, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1 minute 5 seconds.

Fourteen Hands Welter Handicap of 25 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—D. M'Carthy's ch g Saunterer, by Wilberforce—Saunterer mare, 3 or 4 years, 8st 11lb (P. Firth), 1; E. Thornton's b m Selina, aged, 8st 8lb (F. Manly), 2; A. Steenson's b g Lucky Boy, aged, 8st (W. Evans), 3. Other starters: Rosina, 8st 12lb; Chieftain, 8st 9lb; Mabel, 8st 5lb; Maltese, 8st 3lb; Nellie Moore, 8st 2lb; Annalee, 8st. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Maltese, 3 to 1 v. Saunterer, 4 to 1 v. Selina. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 56 seconds.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 30 sovs., 5 furlongs.—J. Guinane's blk m Carmenta, by Trident—Isobel, 6 years, 7st 11lb (F. Manly), 1; E. Maloney's br m Venus, aged, 8st 7lb (A. Albrecht), 2; G. Byrnes' b m Brunette, 4 years, 10st 4lb (P. Firth), 3. Other starters: Destination, 8st 4lb; Goldlock, 7st 12lb; Optimist, 7st 8lb; Phyllis O'Brien, 7st 2lb; Liz Manton, 7st. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Venus, 3 to 1 v. Optimist, 4 to 1 v. Carmenta, 6 to 1 v. Liz Manton, 7 to 1 v. Destination. Won by three lengths, a neck between second and third. Time, 1 minute 4 seconds.

Kensington Handicap of 40 sovs., 1 mile.—J. Shannon's br m Pyree, by Russalf—Esther, 4-5 years, 7st 12lb (W. Mooney), 1; G. Carter's ch m Petrel, aged, 7st 5lb (G. Gallimore), 2; F. Thompson's ch m Muscat, 4 years, 7st (W. M'Mahon), 3. Other starters: Federation, 8st 10lb; Carlotta, 7st 12lb; Sea Bird, 7st 5lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Petrel, 3 to 1 v. Federation, 5 to 1 v. Pyree, 8 to 1 each v. Muscat and Carlotta, 12 to 1 v. Sea Bird. Won by a neck, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 47¼ seconds.

NEWCASTLE JOCKEY CLUB.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The February meeting of the Newcastle Jockey Club was successfully held this afternoon. The weather was fine, and there was a large attendance, metropolitan and country sportsmen being well represented. Grafnell, a son of Grafton from Little Nell, placed a double win to his credit by annexing the Highweight Handicap and Park Stakes, for both of which events he started a firm favourite. The principal race of the day, the February Handicap, was won with the utmost ease by the Sir William mare Thea, who led from start to finish, passing the post a good couple of lengths ahead of Gonaro. The winner was quoted at the outside price of 10 to 1; and the favourite, Superb, failed to secure a place. The remaining events were won by Milli and Tatcho. In three of the five races exciting finishes resulted. Mr. C. H. Hannell, president of the club, occupied the judge's box; and the arrangements for the reunion were satisfactorily carried out under the able supervision of Mr. John Grisdale, the popular secretary of the club. Appended are the details of the racing:—

Flying Handicap of 30 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. James Chambers's br m Milli, by Far Niente—Galvina, 4 years, 8st 4lb (Cramp), 1; Mr. James Estell's br g Weronga, 5 years, 8st 2lb (W. Bradshaw), 2; Mr. J. G. Cameron's ch g Peter, aged, 7st 10lb (Hartigan), 3. Other starters: Bristol Bill, 9st 5lb; Cutaway, 8st 4lb; Sonsie, 8st 2lb; Rock Harbour, 7st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Weronga, 3 to 1 v. Sonsie, 4 to 1 v. Cutaway, 10 to 1 v. Milli and others. Won by half a head. Time, 1 minute 17½ seconds.

High-weight Handicap of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. W. Frost's g g Grafnell, by Grafton (imp.)—Little Nell, 3 years, 8st 4lb (S. Callinan), 1; Mr. R. Wootton's b g Bizet, 4 years, 8st 6lb (T. Johnson), 2; Mr. A. H. Kirby's br m Evangeline, 5 years, 8st (W. Walker), 3. Other starters: Archibald, 10st 7lb; Chooky, 9st 12lb; Kenilworth, 8st; Coronation, 8st. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Grafnell, 6 to 4 v. Bizet, 10 to 1 v. others. At the rise of the barrier Bizet went away with the lead, attended by Archibald and Grafnell. The favourite showed the way into the straight and won easily from Bizet by one and half length, with Evangeline four lengths behind third. Time, 1 minute 19½ seconds.

February Handicap of 50 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, 1 mile.—Mr. Thomas Ford's b m Thea, by Sir William—Magdala, 5 years, 7st 12lb (S. Tucker), 1; Mr. S. Reynolds's b h Gonaro, 4 years, 7st 12lb (F. Cush), 2; Mr. Jos. Brown's Moma (late Welcome), aged, 7st 10lb (A. M'Crimmon), 3. Other starters: Kalingo, 9st 9lb (D. M'Carthy); Marathon, 8st 10lb (J. O'Brien); Superb, 8st 10lb (C. M. Godby); Flashlight, 8st 4lb (W. Gilmore); Cutaway, 7st 12lb (W. Walker); Brilliantshine, 7st 10lb (J. Hartigan); Weronga, 7st 10lb (W. Bradshaw); Tatcho, 7st, including 2lb over (W. Crisp). Betting: 3 to 1 v. Superb, 4 to 1 v. Weronga, 6 to 1 each v. Tatcho, Brilliantshine, and Gonaro, 8 to 1 v. Moma, 10 to 1 v. Thea and others. The field of eleven got away from a fairly good start. The favourite was the first to show out, but his command was only momentary. Thea then dashed to the front, and continued to rapidly increase her advantage. Racing along the back of the course Thea was half a dozen lengths ahead of her nearest companion, Weronga, with Cutaway third and the favourite fourth. At the pits Thea had still further increased her lead, and the verdict was never in doubt. The leader was desperately challenged in the home turn by Weronga, Gonaro, and Moma, but Thea was never hardly pressed, and won a good race by a couple of lengths from Gonaro, with Moma half a length away third and Weronga close up fourth. The remainder finished at irregular intervals, Tatcho being last. Time, 1 minute 45 seconds.

Park Stakes of 25 sovs., for all horses that have not won a prize of 40 sovs. at time of starting; 6 furlongs.—Mr. W. Frost's g g Grafnell, by Grafton (imp.)—Little Nell, 3 years, 8st 2lb, including 7lb penalty (T. Johnson), 1; Mr. A. Henston's c g Rock Harbour, 3 years, 8st 9lb (A. M'Crimmon), 2; Mr. A. Lenehan's br g Archibald, 5 years, 8st 10lb (A. Quinn), 3. Other starters: First Prize, 8st; Evangeline, 7st 3lb; Sea Bird, 8st 12lb; Snowflake, 8st 12lb. Betting: 5 to 4 on Grafnell, 3 to 1 v. Evangeline, 4 to 1 v. Rock Harbour, 7 to 1 v. Sea Bird, 10 to 1 v. others. The favourite led into the straight, seriously challenged by Rock Harbour. A desperate finish resulted in a win for the favourite by barely half a head. Archibald finished a length behind, third. Time, 1 minute 18½ seconds.

Welter Handicap of 30 sovs., 7 furlongs.—Mr. J. Staker's br m Tatcho, by Milston—Acolyte mare, 5 or 6 years, 8st 4lb (A. Quinn), 1; Mr. Joseph Brown's c g Magnet, 6 years, 8st 4lb (A. M'Crimmon), 2. These were the only two starters out of 11 originally entered. Betting: 2 to 1 on Magnet, 6 to 4 v. Tatcho. The favourite at once went to the front and led to the pits, where Tatcho ran up to him. The pair raced on equal terms along the straight, and Tatcho coming away brilliantly won a good race by half a length. Time, 1 minute 33½ seconds.

QUEANBEYAN RACE CLUB.

SECOND DAY.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

The races were continued yesterday, and were poorly attended. A. Battye, while riding First Water in the Farewell Handicap, had his right arm broken through colliding with a post. Results:—

Opening Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. D. Vallance's Greenwell, by Manton—Peep-o'-Day, 8st 10lb (M. Hines), 1; Mr. F. S. Falconer's Wild Rose, 7st 10lb (T. Hayles), 2; Mr. T. Sheed's b m Maude, 7st (J. M'Namara), 3. Other starters: Peeping Tom, 8st 10lb; Primrose, 7st; Gitenora, 6st 7lb; Benwarra, 7st. Won by half a length. Time, 1 minute 20 seconds.

Federal Handicap, 1 mile.—Mr. H. Green's Blush Rose, by Dunlop—Barmaid, aged, 8st 13lb (J. Collett), 1; Mr. J. D. Hill's br m Daylight, 5 years, 8st 3lb (Battye), 2; Mr. W. J. Sherd's blk m Rosenettle, 3 years, 6st 9lb (Roach), 3. Other starters: Rosebay, 8st 13lb; Colenso, 7st 5lb. Won easily. Time, 1 minute 50 seconds.

Queanbeyan Handicap, 1¼ mile.—Mr. W. J. Palmer's ch m Miss Trenchant, by Trenchant—Infidel mare (owner), 1; Mr. C. Kaufline's ch g First Water, 8st (W. Kaufline), 2; Mr. D. Vallance's br m Vanilla, 7st 5lb (Roach), 3. Other starter: Elmo. Betting: Evens Miss Trenchant, 2 to 1 each v. First Water and Vanilla, 3 to 1 v. Elmo. Won by half a length. Time, 2 minutes 17 1-5 seconds.

Selling Race, 1 mile.—Mr. F. O. Norton's b g Gill Bird, by Albatross—Problem IV., 8st 12lb (Hines), 1; Mr. W. J. Sherd's br h Primrose, 9st 1lb (Hayles), 2; Mr. W. C. Curley's b r m Advance, 8st 12lb, (Battye), 3. The winner led throughout and was bought in for £18.

Hack Race.—Glenora, by Signoria, 7st (Watmore), 1; Ivan, 8st 7lb (George), 2; Bundoorat, 7st (Hines), 3.

Farewell Handicap.—Mr. H. Green's br m Blushrose, by Dunlop—Barmaid (J. Collett), 1; Mr. J. D. Hill's Daylight, 7st 13lb (Kaufline), 2; Mr. G. Kaufline's ch g First Water (Battye), 3. Three others started.

MURRUMBURRAH RACES.

MURRUMBURRAH, Thursday.

The weather to-day was all that could be desired. The attendance was exceptionally large, about 1500 being present. Results:—

Hurdle Race of 20 sovs., 2 miles.—Mr. Ceeny's Right Bower, 9st 5lb, 1; Mr. Boreland's Sunbeam, 2. Railway and Polly were leading when they ran round the last hurdle. Time, 4 minutes 21 seconds.

Welter Handicap of 15 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. Baker's Silence, 8st 10lb, 1; Mr. Osborne's Timarque, 8st, 2.

Harden Handicap of 30 sovs., 1 mile 1 furlong.—Mr. Williamson's Gipsy Girl, 6st 9lb, 1; Mr. Hampton's Truth, 7st 4lb, 2; Mr. Osborne's Insolence, 7st 1lb, 3. Eight started. Won by one length after a good race. Time, 2 minutes 5 seconds.

Federal Handicap of 8 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. M'Lean's Trichord, 9st 5lb, 1; Mr. Osborne's Timarque, 7st 4lb, 2. Time, 1 minute 17½ seconds.

Forced Handicap of 12 sovs., once round.—Mr. Whitty's Mermaid, 9st 7lb, 1; Miss Hyland's Hostage, 6st 7lb, 2.

WALCHA RACES.

WALCHA, Thursday.

The races held to-day resulted as follows:—

Opening Handicap.—Mr. Kennedy's Quick March, 1; Mr. Darington's Noble May, 2; Mr. Fenwicke's Imperial, 3.

Park Stakes.—Mr. Coughlin's Raider, 1; Mr. Kennedy's Gold Lace, 2.

Apsley Handicap.—Mr. Nivison's Faithful, 1; Mr. Coughlin's John Norton, 2; Noble May, 3.

Hack Race.—Maf, 1; Branga, 2; Duncan, 3.

Members' Handicap.—Imperial, 1; Cobb, 2; Volunteer, 3.

KALGOORLIE RACE CLUB.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

The first day's racing of the summer meeting of the Kalgoorlie R.C. was held yesterday. Results:—

Hurdles of 100 sovs., 1¾ mile.—Sir John, 12st 10lb (Watts), 1; Reminder, 12st 2lb (Dearth), 2; First Bolt, 9st (Walker), 3. Other starters: Shamrock, Ale, Sunbrown, Tinckaringa, Tennyson, Thelma, and The Hero. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Sunbrown, 3 to 1 v. Sir John. Won by half a head. Hero was third, but was disqualified for short weight. Time, 3 minutes 27 seconds. Dividend, £1 invested, £3.

Flying Handicap of 100 sovs., 5 furlongs.—Braganza, 8st 7lb (Leonard), 1; Royal Mostyn, 8st 8lb (Smith), 2; Zone, 9st 4lb (Cox), 3. Other starters: Black Demon, Fun, and Opera. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Black Demon, 10 to 1 v. Braganza. Won by a head. Time, 1 minute 4 seconds. Dividend, £10 9s.

Kalgoorlie Handicap of 150 sovs., 1 mile.—Newark, 7st 9lb (Diedrick), 1; Kingston, 9st (Smith), 2; Asteroid, 8st 6lb (Sweeting), 3. Other starters: Novitiate, Gossaire, Spectator. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Newark and Kingston. Won easily by a length and a half, a head between second and third. Time, 1 minute 45 2-5 seconds. Dividend, £2 14s.

Miners' Purse of 80 sovs., 7 furlongs.—Willie, 8st 8lb (Jeffreys), 1; Westward Ho, 7st 8lb (Conlon), 2; Treasure, 7st 1lb (Cardis), 3. Other starters: Cadenas, Smoke, Honiton, Primrose, Tennyson. Betting: 20 to 1 v. Cadenas, 2 to 1 v. Willie. Won by a length and a quarter. Time, 1 minute 32 4-5 seconds.

Welter Race of 70 sovs., 7 furlongs.—Brayleigh, 12st 8lb (Mr. O. Brown), 1; Veracity, 10st 7lb (James), 2; Eileen, 9st (M'Donald), 3. Other starter: Coralie. Betting: 6 to 4 on Brayleigh. Won by three lengths. Time, 1 minute 20 3-5 seconds. Dividend, 38s.

Stewards' Plate.—Treasure, 7st (Cardis), 1; Sport Royal, 9st 9lb (Holmes), 2; Honiton, 7st 7lb (Walker), 3. Other starters: Hesitation, Cicero. Betting: 3 to 1 on Sport Royal, 7 to 1 v. Treasure. Won by a neck. Time, 1 minute 42 2-5 seconds. Dividend, £9 18s.

MURRURUNDI JOCKEY CLUB.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The following weights have been declared for the principal events in connection with the meeting of the Murrurundi Jockey Club.

Railway Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Radiance, 9st 8lb; Murra, 8st 12lb; Sardius, 8st 8lb; Braganza, 8st 8lb; Abbott, 8st 5lb; Colleen Bawn, 7st 9lb; Response, 6st 9lb; Aries, 6st 9lb; Melody, 6st 9lb.

Town Plate, 1 mile.—Flashlight, 9st 9lb; B.K., 8st 13lb; Murra 8st 10lb; Sardius 8st 5lb; Abbott 8st 2lb; Sardeaux Trial, 7st 7lb; Response, 6st 7lb; Aries, 6st 7lb; Melody, 6st 7lb.

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Radiance, 9st; Murra, 8st 12lb; Sardius, 8st 8lb; Braganza, 8st 8lb; Abbott, 8st 5lb; Colleen Bawn, 7st 9lb; Response, 6st 9lb; Aries, 6st 9lb; Tess, 6st 9lb; Melody, 6st 9lb.

Murrurundi Handicap, 1 mile.—Flashlight, 9st 8lb; B.K., 8st 13lb; Murra, 8st 10lb; Sardius, 8st 5lb; Braganza, 8st 5lb; Abbott, 8st 2lb; Sardeaux Trial, 7st 7lb; Response, 6st 7lb; Aries, 6st 7lb; Sarsfield, 6st 7lb; Melody, 6st 7lb.

CRICKET.

PROPOSED RANDWICK ELECTORATE CLUB.

The Mayor of Randwick (Alderman George Gale), in response to a requisition, has consented to call a public meeting for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a Randwick Electorate Cricket Club. The meeting will be held in the local Town Hall on Tuesday next. Messrs. E. Endicott and J. E. Phelan are the hon. secretaries.

Gladesville Hospital, 150 for seven wickets (M. Blaxland 41 not out, W. A. E. Lewis 28 not out), defeated Mr. Lyons's team, 13. O'Sullivan, for the Hospital, obtained 10 wickets for 12 runs.

BOWLS.

WAVERLEY CLUB TOURNAMENT.

GENERAL HANDICAP.

The Waverley Club tournament was continued on Tuesday at the local green. In the general handicap Mr. E. H. Parsons met Mr. F. Gartrell. The former had a handicap of 3 on; his opponent was 2 behind. During the game Gartrell put in some excellent work, and succeeded in scoring 20 points. The handicap, however, assisted Parsons, who won by three points. The scores were—Parsons 21, Gartrell 18.

ATHLETICS.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

The Pambula Athletic Club's finances for the past year show a credit balance of £4. The officers elected for the ensuing year are:—President, Mr. W. Dowling; judge, Mr. W. Thomas; starter, Mr. E. Kennedy; committee, the officers mentioned, with Messrs. Ballantyne, Burgess, Beck, Robertson, Nielson, Rockfort, and Robinson. A programme of sports was drafted for Easter Monday.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

At the adjourned meeting of the Public Schools' Athletic Association the report showed that very satisfactory work had been carried out during the past year, the sports meeting held in October proving the most successful yet held. The most noticeable feature was the different displays. The balance-sheet showed a surplus of £22, against £13 for the previous year. A committee was appointed to carry out a scheme for perpetuating the memory of the late secretary, Mr. G. A. Blanchard. A memorial tablet will be erected in Balgownie School. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. G. Thomas (inspector of schools); vice-presidents, Messrs. Irwin, Rose, Anderson, and Colleton; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Layton; hon. secretary, Mr. B. V. Miles; committee, Misses M'Alpine and Mitchell, Messrs. Hamilton, Ross, Gallagher, Edwards, and Mitchell.

SWIMMING.

WAVERLEY CLUB.

The following are the starts which have been allotted for the above club's 100 yards members' handicap, which is to take place at Bronte Baths tomorrow afternoon:—J. F. Cox, scratch; W. H. Bond, H. M'Laughlin, H. B. Treacy, 1 second; A. Heinz, C. Cadden, R. Richardson, R. Hammand, W. Langdon, 5 seconds; L. Garling, 6 seconds; D. Alexander, M. M'Hugh, P. J. O'Grady, G. Barkus, 8 seconds; R. Scott, W. Comans, 9 seconds; G. M'Laughlin, A. Smyth, E. Scott, 10 seconds; G. Guinery, W. Guinery, K. Hammand, 11 seconds; N. Turnbull, 12 seconds; W. M'Fadyen, R. Gregory, 17 seconds; O. Andersen, F. Harris, J. Comans, 18 seconds; D. M'Donald, 19 seconds; S. Dunrich, 20 seconds; Fred Cox, 21 seconds; L. Turnbull, 21 seconds; F. Sinclair, W. Gaylard, 23 seconds; E. Andersen, 26 seconds; G. Stone, 23 seconds; W. J. M'Fadyen, 24 seconds.

A SPOTLESS COMPLEXION.—Sulpholine Lotion clears off all imperfections, Eruptions, Pimples, Blotches, Eczema, Psoriasis, and irritating Skin Disfigurements. shilling bottles of Sulpholine—the English Lotion.—Advt.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

ROBERTSON.

ROBERTSON, Thursday.

The twenty-second annual exhibition of the Robertson Agricultural Society was opened to-day. The weather conditions were unfavourable, being dry, and a westerly wind was blowing. Taken altogether the show is a success. The entries totalled 1600, and all the sections were well filled. The cattle entries totalled 350, and some very fine beasts were exhibited. Mr. M. E. Hindmarsh secured first prize for aged dairy bull, and also took the champion prize for a cow. Mr. Alex. Campbell, member for Kiama, officially opened the show. Appended are the principal prize-takers:—

Blood entire colt, 2 years and under 3: Keevers Brothers. One year and under 2 years: Thomas Ebbs. Blood mare: Beacom and M'Gill, 1; Alexander Morrison, 2. Blood filly, 2 years and under 3: C. M'Gimchey. One year and under 2 years: John Clarke. Coaching stallion, 3 years: L. Carr. Colt, 2 years and under 3: L. Carr. Coaching mare: A. M. Smith, 1; John Curtis, 2. Filly: T. A. Smith. Draught stallion: W. Charker. Colt: T. A. Smith. Draught mare: R. W. Moses, 1; T. A. Smith, 2. Filly: J. T. Hayter. Farm horse: W. Kirkland, 1; Burnham Brothers, 2. Pair of plough horses: R. M'Evilly, 1; K. Kauffman, 2. Factory horse: W. Noble, 1; James Alcorn, 2.

Dairy bull, 3 years and over: M. E. Hindmarsh, 1; Keevers Brothers, 2; George Wilson, 3. Two years and under 3 years: W. H. Swan, 1; W. R. Hindmarsh, jun., 2. One year and under 2 years: M. E. Hindmarsh, 1; M. J. O'Gorman, 2. Bull calf: W. H. Swan, 1; W. R. Hindmarsh, jun., 2. Dairy cow, milking, 4 years and over: J. R. Miller, 1 and 4; E. Williams, 2; R. M'Donald, 3. Three years and under 4: H. Wilson, 1; W. R. Hindmarsh, jun., 2. Under 3 years: M. E. Hindmarsh, 1; W. H. Swan, 2; J. R. Miller, 3. Dry cow: M. E. Hindmarsh, 1 and 2; W. H. Swan, 3. Heifer, 2 years and under 3: W. R. Hindmarsh, 1; Jos. Wills, 2. Heifer, 1 year and under 2 years: W. R. Hindmarsh, jun., 1; M. J. O'Gorman 2; H. Wilson, 3; W. Knight, 4. Heifer calf: H. Wilson, 1; W. R. Hindmarsh, jun., 2 and 3. Champion dairy cow: M. E. Hindmarsh. Bull and progeny: M. E. Hindmarsh. Pen of two-year-old heifers: W. R. Hindmarsh, jun. Pen of yearling heifers: H. Wilson. Pen of cows, milking, under 4 years: J. R. Miller. Pen, over 4 years: J. R. Miller. Dairy cow that had not taken a prize: E. Williams.

Milk and butter competition: W. R. Hindmarsh, 1 and 2.

Ayrshire bull, aged: G. Bernie, 1; Gilroy Bros., 2. Two years and under 3: G. Bernie, 1; W. M'Kenzie, 2. Bull, under 2 years: John Vandenbergh, 1; W. M'Kenzie, 2. Ayrshire cow: W. R. Hindmarsh, 1; W. M'Kenzie, 2. Heifer, under 2 years: John Vandenbergh, 1; W. M'Kenzie, 2. Jersey bull: T. W. Vance, 1; W. Keys, 2. Jersey heifer, 2 years and under 3: Stone Brothers, 1. Heifer, under 2 years: Stone Brothers, 1; T. W. Vance, 2. Fat bullock: M'Gill Brothers. Fat cow: M. Brooker.

Greyhound dog: James Humphries. Slut: James Humphries. Cattle dog: F. A. Tatlow. Slut: W. R. Hindmarsh. Collie: R. Wearne. Beagle: James Humphries.

Box of butter: Mittagong Creamery. Table butter: Robertson Creamery, 1; Mittagong Creamery, 2.

Bacon: James Faulks. Ham: Charles Wright.

Other prizetakers were:—Farm produce: J. T. Hayter, J. L. Smith, Joseph Pearson, E. J. Moore, S. Amos, M'Cleary and Sons, Burnham Brothers, Keevers Brothers, and J. T. Dundass.

Fruit.—C. Bauer, Burnham Brothers, M. Hanrahan, M. Brooker.

Horticultural Exhibits.—Miss Marshall, Mrs. W. R. Hindmarsh, Miss M'Evilly, Miss Breuning, Mrs. D. Fraser, Miss Hayter, Mrs. J. T. Smith, Mrs. J. Brooker, J. Humphries, W. Vandenbergh.

Vegetables.—Joseph Pearson, Charles Bauer, John Vandenbergh, J. S. Armstrong, M'Cleary and Sons, Keevers Brothers, R. Hamilton, jun., M. Brooker.

Preserves.—Mrs. D. Fraser, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Bauer, Miss Moses, Mrs. W. R. Hindmarsh, Mrs. F. Johnston, Mrs. M. E. Hindmarsh, Mrs. H. Bell, Mrs. R. Gay, Miss Hayter, Miss M'Kenzie, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. J. Brooker.

Needle and Fancy Work.—Miss C. Hindmarsh, Mrs. Berman, Mrs. D. Fraser, Miss Marshall, Miss Fleming, Miss Salmon, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Vandenbergh, Miss Wearne, Mrs. Prott.

Fine Arts.—Mrs. Litchfield, Miss A. Simpson, W. Vandenbergh, Miss M'Evilly.

Poultry.—E. Martin, J. T. Parmenter, Murdoch, Larkin, M. Brooker, Burnham Brothers, J. T. Hayter, E. Williams, E. J. Moore, and J. Gilroy.

TUMUT.

TUMUT, Thursday.

About 1200 people attended to-day's show. The weather was cool, but the wind blew up the dust. The ring classes were well contested. Horses on the whole were better than last year, although not so numerous. The buck-jumping contest was interesting and good. The exhibition of horsewomanship in the lady's high jump was also good. Awards were:—

Blood stallion, 3 years and over: W. E. Urell. Colt or gelding, 1 year: A. Waddell. Mare, 3 years and over: J. Elliott. Filly, 1 year and under 2: G. James. Filly, 2 years and under 3: T. Malone. Mare foal: H. W. Mason. Foal by Taranaki: G. James. Coach horses—Stallion, 3 years and over: Mair and Learmont. Draught stallion, 3 years and over: J. Tonkin. Mare, 3 years and over: James Elliott. Filly, 2 years and under 3: Fred. Downing. Stallion, 2 years and under 3: W. D. F. O'Brien. Gelding, 2 years and under 3: M. M'Inerney. Stallion, 3 years and over: Mair and Learmont. Draught horses: M'Alister and Wilkinson. Pair of farm horses: M'Alister and Wilkinson. Team of maiden hunters: G. Holt, 1; Noel Harris, 2. Maiden hunter, winner previous class barred: Noel Harris, 1; H. B. Smith, 2. Lady's hunter: A. Thorn. Jumping galloway: G. Holt, 1; W. Dowell, 2. Handicap Trot: W. Robinson, 1; F. M'Alister, 2. Ladies and gentlemen's pairs: F. Edols. Best hackney on ground: Richard Edols. Cavalry gelding or mare, under 7 years: W. Robinson. Lady driver: Mrs. Eurell. Lady equestrienne: N. Harris. Buckjump rider: J. Keefe, 1; W. Percival, 2. Best buckjumper: J. Keefe. Pony mare, 3 years and over: T. Bratt. Pony jumper, 14 hands: Noel Harris. Pair of ponies: W. F. L. Horsley. Suffolk punch stallion: Mair and Learmont. Miscellaneous horses—spring cart horse or mare: G. Dear. Single harness: C. J. Fraser. Tandem team: W. J. Quodling. Four-in-hand: W. J. Quodling. Sulky turnout: C. J. Fraser. Lady's hack: S. Gordon. Ladies' maiden hack: H. L. Harris. Gent's maiden hack: J. Elliott. Weight-carrying hack, 12st.: W. Robinson. Gent.'s hack: R. Edols. Cavalry horse: W. Robinson. All-round horse, saddle or harness: N. Edols. Trotting horse or mare: J. T. Calloway. Pony, 13 to 14 hands: C. Rae. Pony, 12 to 13 hands: J. B. Sharp. Pair of buggy ponies, 13 to 14 hands: W. J. Quodling. Pony, single harness, 13 to 14 hands: W. J. Quodling. Boy rider: W. Eurell.

Cattle.—Durhams—Bull, 3 years and over: E. Brennan. Cow, 3 years and over: E. Brennan. Heifer, 2 years and under 3: E. Brennan. Bull, 1 year and under 2: Kimo Estate. Heifer, 1 year and under 2: E. Brennan. Champion shorthorn bull: Kimo Estate. Bull, 3 years and over: J. Elliott. Bull, under 1 year: E. Brennan. Two shorthorn heifers: E. Brennan. Group of five shorthorns: E. Brennan. Heifer, 1 year and under 2: E. Brennan. Herefords—Bull, 3 years and over: J. R. Kiley. Yearling steer: J. R. Kiley. Jerseys—Bull, 3 years and over: J. R. Kiley. Cow, 3 years and over: T. P. Allsopp. Heifer, 2 years and under 3: T. P. Allsopp. Heifer, 1 year and under: T. P. Allsopp.

Dairy Cattle.—Cow, any breed: T. P. Allsopp. Two fat oxen: Kimo Estate. Fat ox: Kimo Estate. Fat cow: E. Brennan. Fat bullock: Kimo Estate. Pair of fat oxen: Kimo Estate. Fat bullock, for butcher: Kimo Estate. Pair of fat cows: Kimo Estate.

Sheep.—Merinos—Ram, 3 years and over: H. Hogan. Ram, 2 years and under: H. Hogan. Ram, 18 months and under: H. Hogan. Ewe, 3 years and over: H. Hogan. Ewe, 2 years and under 3: G. W. Last. Ewe, 18 months: H. Hogan. Pen of three ewes: H. Hogan. Lincoln ram, any age: J. S. B. Barrett. Grease merino fleece: H. Hogan. Collection of wools: H. Hogan. Specials—Two merino ram lambs: G. W. Last. Merino ram, any age: H. Hogan. Four-tooth ewe: G. W. Last. Two merino ewe lambs: H. Hogan. Merino ram lamb: G. W. Last. Two-tooth merino ewe: H. Hogan. Merino ram, any age: H. Hogan. Shropshire ram: H. B. Smith. Shropshire ewe: H. B. Smith. Merino ewe, any age: G. W. Last. Merino ram, 3 years and over: H. Hogan.

Farm Produce.—Milling wheat: T. O'Hehir. Collection of wheat: Geo. Clout. Three bushels of maize: D. Crampton. Early Clarence maize: D. Crampton. Collection of maize: J. Clout. Maize cob: H. Foord. Tartarian oats: J. O'Hehir. Algerian oats: J. O'Hehir. Three bushels potatoes: H. Foord. Hopetoun potatoes: H. Foord. English barley: M. O'Hehir. Cape barley: Geo. Clout. Collection of agricultural seeds: Geo. Clout. Broom millet: D. Crampton. Pumpkins: W. Butler. Hay, lucerne, oaten: Geo. Clout. Wheaten: W. H. Foord. Rye straw: Geo. Clout. Wheaten and oaten chaff: W. H. Foord. Sorghum: John Purcell. Purple straw wheat: John Purcell. White Lammas wheat: E. G. Bridle. Manitoba wheat: J. Murray. Clarence River maize: D. Crampton. Horse-tooth maize: W. H. Foord.

CANOWINDRA.

CANOWINDRA, Thursday.

The third annual show of the Canowindra P. A. and H. Association was held on Wednesday. The attendance was 1000 and the exhibits totalled 700. The prize wheat (Steinwedel) weighed 72lb. to the bushel. In the collection of colonial produce were two exhibits comprising 25 different grains grown in the district. Mr. T. Waddell and Dr. Ross were present and interviewed several local bodies in regard to local requirements. Awards:—

Blood Stallion: W. H. Cousins' Souvenir, 1. Mare: A. Robinson's Native Rose, 1; G. W. Grant's Lady Othello, 2. Colt: J. Grant. Filly: A. Robinson. Foal: G. J. Grant. Draught stallion: R. Swindle. Mare: W. H. Cousins. Trotting stallion: W. Riddle. Hunter: W. Riddle.

Bull: J. Cusack. Cow: W. Boxall. Jersey bull: J. P. Jones. Cow: J. Jones. Fat ox: J. Grant. Fat cow: W. Boxall.

Merino: Ram, Ferguson Brothers; ewe, F. C. Crowe. Pen of ewes: St. Hurtell. Merino: Ram, two-tooth, and ewe, two-tooth, F. C. Crowe. Pen of wethers: J. Grant.

Boar: T. P. Grant. Sow: J. Goodacre.

Two bags of wheat: T. J. Crawford (white Lammas). Barley: R. Lang. Maize: J. Oliver. Lucerne: Jas. Goodacre. Oaten hay: Jos. Goodacre. Wheaten hay: H. Rice. Potatoes: P. Kwang Sing. Flour: S. Landauer. Wheaten chaff: W. Jones. Oaten chaff, J. Veney. Butter: J. Jones. Bacon: P. Byrnes. Ham: W. H. Traves.

MILTON.

MILTON, Thursday.

The Agricultural Society's show was continued today. The weather was again beautiful, but owing to the southerly wind prevailing it was inclined to be chilly. The attendance was large. A feature of the exhibition was the parade of the newly-formed cadet corps (mounted), under the command of Captain Cork, for equestrian prizes. The parade of ring events showed a considerable deterioration on the previous year's, notably in the hunters' section. Additional awards are:—

Cart horse: W. Cork. Single buggy horse: E. Hibberd. Family buggy horse: J. Petty. Ten-stone hackney: J. Morrison. Fourteen-stone hackney: A. Lamond. Lady rider: Miss Shottin. Girl rider: A. Cork. Hunters: E. Murray. Cadet rider, pony jump: D. Pearman. Trot: G. Wilson, 1; R. Hapgood, 2.

Fancy Work.—Plain sewing: N. Cork. Drawn thread work: Mrs. Perry. Crochet: Mrs. Butson. Collection of fancy work: Miss Latta. Buttonholes: Mrs. Sweeney. Ironed white shirt and collar: Mrs. Hassall. Specimen of knitting: Mrs. Glanville. Sideboard cloth: Miss Latta. Patching: Miss Kennedy.

Preserves.—Collection of jams and preserves: Mrs. Garbutt. Collection of jellies: Miss Kennedy. Apple jelly: Mrs. Hassall. Quince jelly: Mrs. J. Petty. Passionfruit: Mrs. Hassall. Lemon and melon: Miss Taylor. Marmalade: Mrs. Garbutt. Peach: Mrs. A. F. Warden. Apple: Mrs. Kennedy. Apricot: Mrs. Sweeney, 1; Mrs. Petty, 2. Tomato: Mrs. H. Seccombe. Fig: Mrs. Garbutt. Gooseberry: Mrs. Garbutt. Preserved fruit in water: M. Garbutt. Preserved fruit in syrup: Mrs. Kennedy. Home-made pickles: Mrs. Kennedy. Best bread: Mrs. Newbery. Pear conserve: Mrs. Kennedy. Fig conserve: Mrs. Kennedy. Tomato sauce: Miss Taylor. Christmas cake: Mrs. Kennedy. Sponge cake: Mrs. A. F. Warden. Seed cake: Miss Taylor. Pound cake: Miss Kennedy. Sponge cake: Miss L. Warden. Tarts: Miss Kennedy. Scones: Mrs. S. Garrad.

Flowers.—Bouquets: Mrs. Perry. Collection of flowers: Mrs. Lansdowne. Roses: Mrs. H. Seccombe. Collection of fuchsias: Mrs. Garbutt. Pansies: Mrs. J. Cork. Verbenas: R. Shaffe. Stocks: Mrs. J. Cork. Collection of potted plants: Miss Evans. Ivy-leaf pelargoniums: Miss A. Evans. Six roses: Miss Blackburn.

Implements.—Plough: T. Gould. Scuffler: J. Petty. Horseshoes: Sinclair and Son. Factory can: J. Littlewood.

TENTERFIELD, Thursday.

There are 2200 entries for the show. There are also splendid entries for the jumping contests.

LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

SUPREME COURT.

IN BANCO.

(Before Mr. Justice Stephen, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Acting Justice Pring).

A BROKER'S TRANSACTION.

Cooper v. Gardiner.

Mr. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Mr. Frank A. Davenport, appeared for the defendant, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi on leave reserved to set aside the verdict for plaintiff and enter it for the defendant, or to have a nonsuit entered, or a new trial, or the amount of the verdict reduced. The action, which was tried before the Chief Justice and a jury of four on September 6 last, was one brought by Charles Cooper against A. J. Gardiner to recover money said to be due to the plaintiff on a broker's contract for the sale of shares. The parties having agreed upon certain facts for submission to the Full Court and leave having also been reserved to the defendant to move to have the verdict entered for him, a verdict was, by consent, returned for the plaintiff in the sum of £230 17s. Defendant now appealed on the grounds:—(1) That on the facts of the case admitted and in evidence plaintiff had failed to prove any cause of action against the defendant declared on; (2) That on the admitted facts and evidence plaintiff failed to prove any such contract by the defendant, as was alleged in the first count of the declaration, or any debt due by the defendant within the second count; (3) That there was no privity of contract between plaintiff and defendant in respect of the transactions referred to in the admissions; (4) That there was not on the part of the defendant any express or implied warranty of title to the scrip mentioned in the admissions; (5) That the rule No. 91 of the rules of the Sydney Stock Exchange had on the facts in evidence no relevancy or application as between the plaintiff and the defendant in the action; (6) That the damage under the first count or the debt under the second count of the declaration, if any, should be limited to the amount of the purchase money paid for the scrip or the amount for which similar scrip could have been purchased in the market at or about the date on which plaintiff was compelled to deliver the scrip or the invalidity of the plaintiff's title thereto was ascertained. The Attorney-General (Mr. Wise, K.C.) and Mr. Ferguson, instructed by Messrs. Laurence and M'Lachlan, appeared for plaintiff to oppose the application. The contention submitted on behalf of the defendant was that on the contract he was the broker and not the principal, and that being so he could not sue or be sued.

Judgment was reserved.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen and Mr. Acting Justice Pring.)

A.J.S. BANK v. MELDRUM.

Mr. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. Ferguson, instructed by Mr. F. Crommelin, of Grenfell (by Mr. George Croaker), appeared for the plaintiffs in support of a demurrer to the defendant's fourth plea, and in support of plaintiffs' replication; and Mr. R. E. O'Connor, K.C., and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Mr. L. L. Hogan, of Young (by Mr. T. E. Murphy), for the defendant in support of the plea, and of defendant's demurrer to plaintiffs' replication. The plaintiff bank sued defendant, Robert William Meldrum upon a declaration in which they stated that in consideration of the bank making advances to the Grenfell Gold Recovery Company, either by discounting bills of exchange or promissory notes or by allowing them to overdraw their account, defendant guaranteed payment by the company upon receiving a written request for payment to plaintiffs of the amount of the balance owing by the company at the date of such request, up to the sum of £200 and interest. The plaintiffs made advances, and on March 27, 1900, a balance of £659 15s 2d was due to the plaintiffs, who, on that date, sent the defendant a written request for payment of the sum of £200 and £49 9s 9d interest; but defendant had not paid the same. Defendant in his fourth plea pleaded on equitable grounds that before the making of the guarantee it was represented to the defendant by Robert William Beck and Archibald Allan Spence, two members of the co-partnership, and who were respectively secretary and manager, and also by the plaintiffs, that the guarantee was required to cover, and as security for, advances to be made by plaintiffs to the co-partnership for the purpose of paying and retiring certain promissory notes made by Beck and Spence in the name of the co-partnership, which promissory notes were then held by plaintiffs, and to provide funds for further carrying on the business of the co-partnership; and the defendant made the guarantee to the plaintiffs upon the faith of, and relying on, such representations of the plaintiffs, and that the guarantee was, in fact, required and was used by the plaintiffs as a cover and security for moneys already advanced in a certain account called current advances on gold dust account by plaintiffs with Beck and Spence, purporting to represent the said co-partnership, and without the knowledge or consent of the other members; and no advances were made for the purpose of retiring such promissory notes, which were, in fact, never paid and retired. To this plea the plaintiffs replied by setting out the terms of the guarantee, and they demurred to the plea on the ground that it was bad in law and did not disclose facts upon which a Court of Equity would grant an unconditional and perpetual injunction, and that defendant could not vary or contradict the terms of his written contract by evidence of facts alleged in the plea. They stated, further, that the plea did not contain any allegation of fraudulent misrepresentation which would avoid the contract; that the plea admitted the allegation in the declaration; that the plaintiffs, relying upon the guarantee, made advances to the co-partnership; that the plea did not deny that some of the promissory notes were in fact paid and retired; that the only way in which the guarantee could be used to the prejudice of the defendant was by enforcing it, and that the allegation that it was used for the purposes mentioned was *meaningless and insensible*. Defendant demurred to this replication, mainly on the ground that the terms of the contract were immaterial to the defence that the defendant was induced to enter into the contract by a material misrepresentation of the plaintiffs.

Mr. Justice Owen said that a plea on equitable grounds was only admissible if a Court of Equity would grant an absolute and unconditional injunction, and the ground of equity set up here, as he understood it, was that of fraud. There was no other equitable ground set up by the plea that he could see. Now the plea nowhere alleged that the representation made by plaintiffs was false or fraudulent, and there was no doubt that was the usual way in which a plea of that kind was drawn. He did not mean to say that it was in all cases absolutely necessary if the facts showed that the representation was false or fraudulent, but it appeared to him that the facts showed neither of these things. The plea was in his opinion one upon which a Court of Equity would not grant an unconditional injunction, and that being so, it was demurrable.

Mr. Justice Pring said he was of the same opinion. When he read the plea he had little doubt that it was bad, and after hearing argument his opinion had been confirmed. As he pointed out during the argument, it was quite consistent with the facts alleged, that the representation of plaintiffs was made in perfect honesty and good faith. It did not amount to a misrepresentation of an existing fact, and, as to the act of fraud, all he could say was that if the plea was intended to set up fraudulent misrepresentation, it was a good illustration of the power of language to conceal one's thoughts.

Judgment on the demurrer for the plaintiffs.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen and Mr. Justice Simpson.)

LEAVE TO APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Wadey v. Mort's Dock and Engineering Company.

On the application of Mr. Broomfield, who appeared for the defendants, the conditional leave granted on January 15 last to defendants to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Full Court ordering a new trial was confirmed. The action was one in which the plaintiff sued the defendant company to recover the sum of £48,000, claimed as compensation for alleged wrongful cancellation of contract for the construction by plaintiff of a graving dock at Woolwich for the defendants, and alleged seizure and conversion of plant, &c. Plaintiff was nonsuited, but on appeal the Full Court ordered a new trial.

Application granted.

HARRIS v. CARRUTHERS.

Dr. Cullen appeared for the defendant and moved for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Full Court setting aside the verdict entered for him by direction of Mr. Justice Cohen, and entering it for the plaintiff, with £1000 damages. Mr. Keynack appeared for the plaintiff to consent.

Application granted, execution of the verdict to be suspended if £1500 was paid into the Bank of Australasia within four weeks from date as security for the verdict and costs and the due prosecution of the appeal; in default of such payments plaintiff to be at liberty to proceed to execution, in which event defendant to pay £350 into court as security for the due prosecution of the appeal and costs of the appeal.

APPLICATIONS TO OUST ALDERMEN.

Re J. Abigail (G. F. Crozier, respondent).

Mr. James, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, appeared for James Abigail, and moved for a rule nisi for a writ of quo warranto to oust respondent, George Forster Crozier, of Newtown, contractor, from the position of alderman of Kingston ward, in the Borough of Newtown. The case for the applicant was that he and respondent were candidates for the Kingston ward, and on the polling Crozier secured 155 votes as against 154 recorded for applicant. On the following Saturday the returning officer declared that to be the state of the poll, and said that he would make the official declaration on Monday. On that day at 4 o'clock p.m. he declared the state of the poll, and said there would be a recount of votes on the following Wednesday. Applicant now moved for a rule nisi for a writ of quo warranto to oust the respondent on the grounds:—1. That the poll was not in accordance with the 91st section of the Municipalities Act of 1897. 2. That several married women whose husbands were alive were permitted to vote. 3. That whereas only 301 ballot papers were issued, there were 315 votes polled.

The rule was granted on the grounds stated.

Re G. H. Pike (J. S. Whitney, respondent).

Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Robson and Cowlishaw, appeared for the applicant, George Herbert Pike, of Ashfield, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a writ of quo warranto to oust John Sydney Whitney, of Ashfield, from the position of alderman of the Borough of Ashfield. Mr. Mann, instructed by Mr. Thomas J. Dickson, appeared for the respondent not to oppose the application, but to state that as soon as the rule nisi was served his client gave notice that he did not intend to oppose the order. He therefore asked that no costs should be allowed, as Mr. Whitney had not acted as alderman since the granting of the rule nisi.

Rule absolute for a rule of quo warranto, without costs.

Re John Mills (G. Brown respondent).

Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Perkins and Fosbery, appeared for John Mills, of Ashfield, house and land agent, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a writ of quo warranto to oust George Brown, of Ashfield, property owner, from the position of alderman of the Borough of Ashfield. The ground of the application was that the nomination was invalid inasmuch as it did not comply with section 74 of the Municipalities Act of 1897, the words "property owner" not being a sufficient description of the candidate's occupation as required by the section. Respondent appeared in person to submit to any order the Court might make.

Rule absolute for a writ of quo warranto, without costs.

APPEAL AGAINST A LICENSING BENCH.

Re G. E. Ardill (William J. Adams and others, respondents).

Mr. Boyce, instructed by Mr. William C. Clegg, appeared for George Edward Ardill, of Sydney, accountant, and moved for a rule nisi calling upon George H. Smithers, C. N. Payten, and Frederick Penny, sitting as a Licensing Court for the Metropolitan Licensing District, and William Joseph Adams, licensed publican, to show cause why a writ of prohibition should not be granted restraining them from further proceeding upon an order made by the Licensing Bench on January 6 last granting the respondent Adams permission to extend his licensed premises. It appeared from the affidavit of applicant, that William Joseph Adams is the licensee of Tattersall's Hotel, 255 Pitt-street, Sydney, and on December 13 last he applied for permission to make an extension of his licensed premises in accordance with plans and drawings, which were lodged. On January 6 the application was granted, and applicant now said that the proposed extension contemplated the alteration of a separate building in George-street, in which it was proposed to open a bar for the sale of liquor, the only connection between the Pitt-street hotel and the proposed extension in George-street being by an underground passage. At the hearing in the court below Mr. C. M. Boyce, solicitor for the police, pointed out that a new license could not have been successfully applied for for the George-street premises, as the local option vote was against the granting of new licenses, and he raised the point that the Licensing Bench had no jurisdiction whatever to grant the application. The objection, however, was overruled and the application granted.

Mr. Boyce now submitted that under the Liquor Act of 1898 the Licensing Bench had no power to make the order unless it came under section 26 of the Act. That section only applied either to publicans' licenses for premises proposed to be erected or for premises already erected which required additions or alterations to make them suitable to be licensed. That was not the nature of the application in the present case, and yet, as far as he could see, the 26th section was the only section under which such an application could be made. He submitted that under that section the Licensing Bench had no power to make the order.

Mr. Justice Simpson: Do the papers show under what section the magistrates purport to act?

Mr. Boyce: No. They simply show that it is an application to make an extension of licensed premises in accordance with plans and drawings lodged with the application.

Mr. Justice Owen: And I understand that there was no application for a license in any shape or form?

Mr. Boyce: No. As to the additions or alterations, they were only to make the premises in George-street fit for a license, and the hotel was licensed already.

The rule was granted and made returnable next Term.

AN IMPOUNDING MATTER.

Ex Parte W. Porter (Strickland and others, respondents).

Dr. Sly, instructed by Mr. H. A. Lyons (for Mr. J. S. Lamrock, of Forbes), appeared for the applicant, William Porter, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain certain magistrates at Forbes and Josiah John Strickland, of Bareenong, near Forbes, from further proceeding upon an order made by the justices at Forbes on August 6 last. It appeared that Porter was charged, on the information of Strickland, with having wrongfully impounded 12 head of cattle owned by Strickland, and the case having been heard on the date mentioned the justices inflicted a fine of £5 and costs on Porter. Applicant now sought a prohibition on the grounds that there was no evidence of impounding, that two offences were disclosed in the information, and that certain evidence as to a map had been wrongly admitted. Mr. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby (agents for Mr. John Robinson, of Forbes) appeared for the respondents to oppose the application.

After hearing argument,

Mr. Justice Owen said that it was stated for the respondent that the information disclosed an offence in that it alleged that Porter "illegally impounded" certain cattle. If the words "illegally impounded" had stood alone he thought the information would have been good, but the informant had taken it upon himself to allege the nature of the illegal impounding, i.e., by the owner of the land, and he was bound by his choice, and could not now depart from it. It appeared that Porter was the owner of certain lands conditionally purchased. Section 55 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 limited the case to the "occupier," and when he turned to the Impounding Act, 1898, No. 6, he found that the owner had no right, as owner, to impound, unless of course he was also the occupier. That was the reason the word "occupier" was used in section 55. It appeared to him, therefore, that the information did not disclose an offence which justified the action of the magistrates in imposing a fine. The rule must be made absolute, with costs for a prohibition.

Order accordingly.

IN EQUITY.

(Before the Chief Judge, Mr. A. H. Simpson.)

THE QUESTION OF WHARFAGE RATES.

Pastoral Finance Association of Sydney v. The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners.

Mr. Pilcher, K.C., Mr. Hanbury Davies, and Mr. Knox, instructed by Mr. E. H. Crossman, appeared for the plaintiff company; and the Attorney-General (Mr. Wise, K.C.), and Mr. H. P. Owen, instructed by the acting Crown Solicitor, for the defendant Commissioners. This was a motion to continue an interim injunction granted by Mr. Justice Owen on January 29, restraining the defendant Commissioners, their servants or agents, from in any way preventing or interfering with the discharge of certain goods into a lighter. Shortly put, the facts of the case were that the Pastoral Finance Company had a consignment of woolpacks on board the steamer Allanton, which arrived in Sydney on January 25. Before the arrival of the vessel a clerk in plaintiff's employ went to the inward wharfage office of the defendant Commissioners, and informed them of the expected arrival of the goods, and that the plaintiffs were not liable and did not intend to pay wharfage rates upon them, as they intended to land the goods by means of a lighter, taking delivery at the ship's side and not landing them at any wharf vested in the defendant Trust. The Allanton on arrival was berthed at Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, a wharf vested in the Trust, and a lighter was brought alongside to take delivery of the goods. The harbour master, however, ordered the person in charge of the vessel not to proceed with the discharge of the goods until inward wharfage rates had been paid. The plaintiffs charged that the defendant Trust had no right to demand or enforce the payment of any sum by way of inward wharfage rates on goods intended to be dealt with by the plaintiffs in the manner stated—by taking them from the lighter to a private wharf attached to the warehouse of the plaintiffs on the northern side of the harbour.

For the Commissioners it was contended by the Attorney-General that the Harbour Trust Act in clear terms enjoined the Commissioners to collect wharfage rates in respect of all goods shipped or unshipped from any such vessel, and that inasmuch as that enactment was later than the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, section 3, the latter-mentioned statute was governed by section 68 of the Harbour Trust Act.

His Honor, in delivering his reserved judgment, said this was a motion to continue an injunction, which, by consent, had been turned into a motion for decree. The question between the parties was whether, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1901, Act No. 1, the defendants were entitled to charge the plaintiffs with inward wharfage rates in respect of goods discharged into a lighter from a vessel berthed at a wharf vested in the defendants, when the said goods were not landed on the wharf. Under the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880, it was provided that "upon the landing on any public or private sufferance wharf in New South Wales of any goods mentioned in the second schedule, it shall be lawful to levy rates, called inward wharfage rates." Section 6 provided for the levying of tonnage rates on all vessels fully laden or discharging their inward cargoes at any such public or private sufferance wharf, and a lower rate on all vessels partly laden during the time which such vessels occupied a berth at the wharf. The section contained a proviso that in case of any vessel partly laden, such vessel should be entitled to claim "free lay days," according to a calculation made in the section. It seemed clear that under the Act of 1880 wharfage dues could not be claimed, except for goods actually landed on a wharf. The Sydney Harbour Trust Act, however, introduced a wide change. Section 68 gave the Commissioners power, and imposed on them a duty, to collect in respect of all vessels berthed at any such wharf vested in the Commissioners, or in respect of all goods (with certain exceptions) shipped in or unshipped from any vessel so berthed, wharfage and tonnage rates according to the provisions contained in the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880, and Acts amending the same. The earlier words of the section, taken by themselves, obviously widely extended the incidence of wharfage and tonnage rates beyond those given by the Act of 1880. Those rates were to be levied in respect of all vessels berthed at any wharf vested in the Commissioners, not merely at public or private sufferance wharfs. Secondly, they were to be levied on all goods shipped on or unshipped from any vessel so berthed, not merely in respect of goods landed on a wharf. It was contended, however, that those words were cut down by the subsequent words, "according to the provisions contained in the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880." That was to say, that as these rates could not be levied under the earlier Act, they could not be levied under the later. This construction would, it seemed to his Honor, simply nullify the earlier words, which were in themselves plain and clear. It would amount to this, that the wharfage rates were to be levied in respect of goods unshipped from a vessel berthed at any wharf, whether such goods were landed on the wharf or not in accordance with the provisions of an Act which said the rates were only to be levied on goods landed on a wharf. That was, wharfage rates were to be levied on certain goods in accordance with the provisions of an Act which said they were not to be levied, therefore they were not to be levied. This seemed to him to say and unsay a thing in the same breath—a reductio ad absurdum. The words "according to the provisions of the Wharfage and Tonnage Acts of 1880" might easily be construed so as to be in harmony with the earlier words instead of in contradiction to them, especially bearing in mind the insertion of the words "mutatis mutandis," which, he supposed, meant "with all requisite alterations." They might refer to the amount of the rates, time, and mode of levying. This would make the Harbour Trust Act clear and consistent, and was, in his opinion, the true construction. This view was strengthened by the language of the proviso that goods unshipped from any vessel to any other vessel, for conveyance to another port, were not to be subject to any wharfage if a transhipment entry in respect thereof was passed at the Customs House within a specified time. This clearly implied that the Legislature regarded such goods as liable to wharfage duty, from which they might be saved by making the required entry. For these reasons he thought the contention of the plaintiffs failed, and that the suit must be dismissed with costs.

A LAND TRANSACTION.

Anderson and another v. Neale.

Mr. Lingen and Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Messrs. Ickerson and Ebsworth, for the plaintiffs, John and Ellen Anderson; Mr. Sheppard, instructed by Messrs. Deane and Deane, for Mrs. Neale; Mr. Newham, instructed by Mr. H. Salwey, for the Curator of Intestate Estates. This was a claim for re-transference of a property. The case for the plaintiff was that one, W. T. Fielding, leased from Daniel Cooper for 99 years certain lands of the Grafton Estate, Woollahra, termed for purposes of description plot A. Through a mistake of description in the lease Fielding built two houses on plot B. He leased plot A to Mrs. Bagshaw. Mrs. Bagshaw by her will left the property to her husband for life, and afterwards to her niece, Ellen Anderson. Mrs. Bagshaw died, and her husband went into possession. He subsequently obtained what purported to be an assignment of Mrs. Anderson's reversionary interest, but the signature to the supposed deed of assignment was not that of Mrs. Anderson. With that supposed deed in his possession Mr. Bagshaw applied to the Cooper Estate Trustees for a confirmatory lease for plot B, and he surrendered the lease of plot A. Having obtained it he mortgaged the property for the residue of the term to the late J. T. Neale to secure £150. Mrs. Anderson sought to have the property transferred to her free of mortgage. In her statement of defence defendant practically disputed all the allegations of the plaintiffs, and claimed that she acquired a good title from Mr. Bagshaw on the documents submitted to the late John Thomas Neale.

His Honor, in delivering reserved judgment, said it was clear that the title was made by Bagshaw purely as a beneficiary, and that the money went into his own pocket. Under those circumstances his Honor did not think Mrs. Neale could set up that her predecessors in title had dealt with Bagshaw as administrator. He thought the plaintiffs were entitled to the relief, and made an order accordingly.

A DISPUTED PROPERTY TRANSACTION.

Simms v. McNeil.

Mr. J. J. Cohen, instructed by Mr. J. H. Carruthers, appeared for the plaintiff, Clarence Arthur Edenborough Simms; and Mr. A. Knox, instructed by Messrs. Bradley and Son, appeared for the defendant, Euphemia McNeil. In his statement of claim the plaintiff set out that on or about May, 1901, the defendant was entitled in fee simple in certain land, with a residence thereon situated at Chatswood, and plaintiff was a tenant thereof. Plaintiff being desirous of purchasing the property entered into negotiations with Messrs. Hugh Duff and Co., auctioneers and estate agents, who were agents for the property. It was represented to plaintiff by Mr. H. A. Lambert, of Messrs. Duff and Co., that the property was subject to a mortgage of £500, with an unexpired currency of at least three years, and that on plaintiff paying £125 in cash he could obtain a transfer of the property, subject to the mortgage, and that the plaintiff would have no further expense in regard to the transfer. On the faith of these representations plaintiff agreed to purchase the property for £625, payable as follows:—£50 on deposit, £75 on transfer, and the balance in three years at 5 per cent. Lambert produced a form which he represented was a form of contract, and inserted in it the said terms of sale. Plaintiff then signed the document. Subsequently Mr. Lambert called on plaintiff, and represented that the contract was not in proper form. He produced another one already filled in, and asked witness to sign it. Plaintiff believed the new contract form was similar to the previous one, except that the terms of sale were as follows:—"That upon signing this contract the purchaser shall pay into the hands of the agents a cash deposit of £50 and a further payment of £75 on execution of transfer, and the balance of £500 is represented by an existing mortgage upon the property sold at 5 per cent." Plaintiff thereupon asked Mr. Lambert the currency of the mortgage, and was assured that it had several years to run. On his assurance plaintiff signed the contract, and shortly afterwards paid a deposit of £50. Shortly afterwards plaintiff ascertained that the mortgage debt was due on May 5, 1901, being only eight days after the signing of the contract. Through his solicitor plaintiff insisted that in accordance with the representations made by defendant, through her agent, she should arrange that the £500 remain on mortgage for a reasonable period. Negotiations were entered into to secure this, but as defendant was unable or unwilling to arrange to that end, plaintiff declined to proceed with the negotiations, and claimed the return of his £50. Plaintiff, therefore, claimed that defendant may be ordered to deliver up the contract to be cancelled, to repay the £50 deposit with interest thereon, and other expenses incurred, and may have such further or other relief as the case might require.

In her statement of defence defendant did not know or admit that any representations were made to plaintiff that the mortgage had then or at all an unexpired currency before the due date thereof of at least three years, or that the plaintiff on paying the sum of £125 could obtain a transfer of the property subject to the mortgage, and would have no further expense in respect of the transfer. She denied that Mr. Lambert or Hugh Duff and Co. were authorised on her behalf to make the alleged representations. She could not admit that it was on the faith of such representations that the plaintiff agreed to purchase the property, or that any agreement was entered into by any one acting on her behalf that payment of any portion of the purchase money should extend over three years. As to the other statements set forth in the statement of claim defendant gave a general denial. By way of counter claim defendant stated that plaintiff signed a contract for the purchase of the property under certain conditions (set forth), and plaintiff failing to comply with the conditions of the contract, the property was resold for £575. Defendant claimed she was entitled to recover from plaintiff the loss and damage sustained by the sale of the property at a reduced amount. Defendant, therefore, prayed that plaintiff may be ordered to pay her by way of liquidated damages a sum of money sufficient to indemnify her for all loss and expenses consequent on the resale of the property. Also that plaintiff be ordered to pay the amount due for the rent of the property.

The case stands part heard.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Thomas Francis Supple. Bankrupt did not appear, and the case was adjourned to March 6.

Re Edmund O'Donnell. An application for adjournment to March 6 to answer report was granted.

Re George Perring. Mr. Noble appeared for the bankrupt, whose certificate was suspended for two years.

Re Ambrose Foss Thompson. There was no appearance of bankrupt, and the case was adjourned to March 20.

Re James Russell. Mr. Gee appeared for the bankrupt. The Registrar entered up the following decision:—"This has been a most unsatisfactory case. There is no doubt that the bankrupt has suffered from very severe illness, which may account for his failing to disclose over £400 of assets; but it is impossible for me to know how far he was incapacitated. The failure to keep proper books, or to cause proper books to be kept, in a business of such magnitude is a very serious offence, and I must suspend the certificate for two years from the date of first application."

Re Fred Dunford. Mr. Delohery appeared for the bankrupt, and an objecting creditor appeared in person. The Registrar entered up the following decision:—"Bankrupt did not keep any account of his receipts and expenditure in his occupation as an orchardist, and contracted a debt to F. Chilton of £15 11s 1d six months after a verdict was entered against him, which he could not satisfy." Certificate suspended for 12 months.

MOTION FOR RELEASE.

Re John Binny, deceased. Mr. J. W. Johnson appeared for the administratrix of the estate, which was released from sequestration on condition that the representatives of the deceased insolvent would not plead the Statute of Limitations to any just claim hereafter proved.

MOTION TO ANNUL SEQUESTRATION ORDER.

Re David William Crozier. Mr. R. Sullivan appeared for the bankrupt, and on counsel's application the case was adjourned to March 6.

SINGLE MEETINGS.

Re George Waddell M'Laws. The bankrupt was examined. No resolution was moved. The meeting closed, and the public examination was declared concluded.

Re Sholto Percival Kemp. On the application of the official assignee the case was adjourned to March 13.

Re Edward Shelton. The bankrupt did not appear, and the case was adjourned sine die.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Re William Bishop. This case was adjourned to March 6.

Re William Henry Peisley. Bankrupt was examined, and the case adjourned to March 13.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

George Bowers, residing at 40 M'Evoy-street, Waterloo, tailor's manager. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Walter Knox M'Millan, residing at Cobar, hotel-keeper. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before the President and Commissioners Brandis and Houston.)

Mr. Hanbury Davies appeared for the Minister for Lands, instructed by the Crown Solicitor.

A reference by the Minister for Lands for determination of the capital value of the land comprised in Alexander Wilson's C.P., No. 89-118, and C.L., No. 14,105, Nyngan, was heard. Mr. H. G. Freeman appeared for the selector. Decision reserved.

John Sharkey appealed against the granting of William Arthur Mayne's C.P., No. 1901-30, Molong. Mr. Carroll appeared for appellant, and Mr. Pike for respondent. The appellant was a co-balloter, and challenged the bona fides of the successful applicant, whose application had not been confirmed. The appeal was dismissed on an objection by Mr. Pike that his client had not been served with notice of appeal within the prescribed time. Three pounds costs were allowed respondent from the deposit on appeal.

The Minister's reference for determination of the land comprised in Esther Smith's C.P., No. 92-23, and C.L., No. 21,858, Nyngan, was heard, and decision reserved.

The Minister's reference for determination of the capital value of the land comprised in George W. House's C.P., No. 89-75, and C.L., 13,033, Nyngan, was heard. Mr. Freeman appeared for the selector. The cases of T. A. House's C.P., No. 89-76, and C.L., 13,034, Nyngan, and James George Lindsay's C.P., No. 89-35, Nyngan, were also heard with the same appearances, and decision was reserved in each case.

J. Bolger's appeal against the decision of the Wagga board in respect of assessment of compensation for land resumed for railway purposes from his lands in the parish of Tootool; and the executors of T. Millear's appeal against the recommendation of the Deniliquin board in respect of Christian Walker's application under section 7 of the Water Rights Act of 1896 for a license to erect a dam across Forest Creek, county of Townsend, were withdrawn, and were accordingly struck out.

Violet H. Olly appealed against the disallowance of her homestead selection application, No. 19017, Lismore. Mr. Freeman appeared for appellant. The Court directed the case to be returned to the Lismore board for rehearing, and the board was ordered to take evidence in addition to that already recorded.

H. Rowe appealed against the appraised capital value of the land comprised in his C.P. No. 94-44, Lithgow. Decision was reserved.

W. A. Manning appealed against the recommendation of the Bellingen and Grafton boards in respect of his special leases Nos. 1901-2 Bellingen, and 1901-17 Grafton. Appellant appeared in person. Decision was reserved.

The Court adjourned to the following day.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Acting Judge Harris.)

ALLEGED BREACH OF AGREEMENT.

Foster v. Twemlow.

Mr. Teece, instructed by Mr. Henry Lloyd Whittel, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. David Fealy for the defendant. This was an action brought by Thomas Foster, of Sydney, against George Twemlow, of Pitt-street, Sydney. The plaintiff claimed that by deed he let to the defendant a house situate at Oberon-street, Randwick, for a term of four years from November 3, 1893, the defendant by such deed undertaking that he would paint the outside of the house twice during the continuance of the lease, and that he would pay all rates and taxes and impositions that might be imposed on the said demised premises. The defendant, however, did not paint the house, neither did he pay the rates and taxes. There was also a claim for balance of rent due by the defendant to the plaintiff. The plaintiff claimed £35 8s 1d. The defence was that as to the contract for painting the premises there was no breach; as to the claim for rent due defendant said he was not a tenant at the time the rent was alleged to be due; and as to rates the defendant paid into court the sum of £2 5s 5d in full satisfaction of the plaintiff's claim. Notwithstanding such payment he denied all liability.

His Honor gave a verdict for the plaintiff for £25.

ALLEGED UNLAWFUL DISTRAINT.

Rosario v. Howarth.

Mr. Teece, instructed by Mr. E. H. Gardner, for the plaintiff, and Mr. G. F. R. Burcher for the defendant. This was an action brought by D'Angelo Rosario (a fruit vendor), of Hunter-street, Sydney, against Harry Howarth, restaurant keeper, of 55 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, for £30 damages for alleged illegal distraint. Plaintiff claimed that he was a tenant to the defendant of the premises situated at 51 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, and alleged that the defendant broke and entered the premises and disposed of the stock, furniture, and effects, whereby the plaintiff had lost the value of the goods, and been prevented from carrying on his business as fruiterer and greengrocer. The defendant pleaded not guilty under the Landlords and Tenants Act of 1899; that the alleged trespass and conversion arose through his lawfully distraining for rent due to him; also that the goods, chattels, &c., did not belong to the plaintiff as alleged.

His Honor reserved judgment.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Rogers and a jury.)

Mr. W. L. Merewether Crown Prosecutor.

FALSE PRETENCES. BLACK METALLIC SAND IN UPOLU.

John Waters pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on June 6, 1901, at Sydney, falsely pretended to Claude Cecil Seagrove that he (accused) had discovered at Upolu, in the Samoan Group, a large deposit of black metallic sand which contained a large percentage of fine gold, that he (accused) had sent 10 tons weight of the said sand to the works of the Smelting Company of Australia, Limited, at Dapto, that the said 10 tons had been duly treated at the company's works at Dapto and had yielded gold to the amount of 6oz. weight to each ton so treated, by means of which false pretences he obtained from Claude C. Seagrove the sum of £12, with intent to defraud. Accused was undefended.

Detective W. J. Jones said that accused when spoken to by him about some papers said, "This is no fraud. You stick by me, and I'll stick by you." Accused was allowed out on bail when the case came on at the lower Court. Accused had failed to answer to his bail at the lower Court on the day to which he had been remanded, and his bail had been estreated. Witness next saw accused in Darlinghurst Gaol under the name of Walters.

C. C. Seagrove, sailor, said that on May 29, 1901, he read an advertisement in the "Herald" and wrote a letter in consequence of it. He received a reply which had since gone astray. Witness called at 4 Golden Grove-street on June 5, 1901, and saw accused there. Accused had said that he was a mining expert and wanted an agent; that he had been at Upolu, in Samoa, and whilst prospecting there for platinum had discovered a large deposit of black, metallic, auriferous sand, which he had assayed and found to contain a large percentage of fine gold. Accused had said that by the steamer Moana, which arrived in Sydney on October 28, 1900, 10 tons of this sand, consigned to the Dapto Smelting Works, had been received by him. (Witness produced a sample of the sand.) Accused had then shown witness an account of the treatment of the sand at Dapto. (At this stage accused declined to produce certain papers asked for by the Crown, and which he had received notice to produce. He said that he required the papers in connection with the defence, and would produce them in his cross-examination. His Honor ruled that the papers must be produced at once, and accused then handed them out of his pocket.) Witness, continuing, said that accused had also shown him a map of Upolu. Witness examined a map handed up by accused, and said that there was not now on the map a part marked in yellow which accused had said indicated a concession to him. Accused had also shown to him a document showing a concession from a native chief. (Accused said that he had not got that document now). Accused had said to witness that the Dapto people were very anxious to know where the sand was coming from, and he desired to keep it as quiet as possible so as to prevent a rush. Accused had said to witness that he wanted a trustworthy man to look after his interests there, as it was his intention to make periodical shipments of 10 tons of sand to Dapto, via Sydney. Besides the gold-bearing sand accused said there was also on the concession a large quantity of graphite, mica, tin, and nickel. Accused had said that there were about 2000 or 3000 tons of sand on his conceded territory at Upolu, which was situated about eight miles from Apia. Accused had said that he had a special engine to bore in the sand to test the quantity, and that he had been engaged by Baker Brothers, of New Jersey, America, to prospect for platinum in Samoa. Witness asked accused how he would pay him as his agent and what security accused required. Accused had said that he had waived the matter of security, but would sell a sixteenth share in the sand for £100. £12 was required as a deposit, and the balance was to be paid in six months. Witness had agreed to become accused's agent next day, and accused had said that he would draw up an agreement. Accused had gone to Mr. F. K. Howard's, in Bathurst-street, with witness, when witness explained the business to Mr. Howard. Witness had then paid £12 in notes to accused on the strength of the story told by accused and the papers he had shown to witness. An agreement was signed by accused and witness in Mr. Howard's presence at that interview. (Accused objected to the admission of the written agreement, because it was not stamped, and because it was also an unstamped receipt for money. His Honor ruled the document admissible.) Witness had afterwards gone to Dr. Helms' laboratory in Bridge-street. Dr. Helms' representative had asked accused what about his other agent. Accused had replied that the other agent had gone. About a week afterwards witness met accused in Sydney and asked him why he had not gone away to Samoa as he had promised. Accused had explained that sickness and a death had delayed his departure. On July 1 witness had put the whole matter in the hands of the police. Up to the present time witness had not received any sand from accused, except a little bottle of it which he (witness) had taken from a small box of the alleged auriferous sand in accused's possession on the occasion of his first interview with him.

Another agreement between accused and Dr. C. A. Edwards, of Waverley, and letters from accused to various people were put in. Accused cross-examined witness on the question of credibility, and witness said that some of accused's words and actions appeared to be genuine.

Mr. F. K. Howard gave evidence corroborative of that given by Seagrove.

Charles King gave evidence to the effect that accused had not made any shipment of sand from Samoa by the Moana.

Mr. C. H. Hayward, secretary to the Smelting Company at Dapto, stated that accused had submitted to the company a pound of black sand for assay. The assay proved over 6½oz. to the ton, but no 10 tons were ever submitted by accused, who, however, got a pro forma account for 10 tons as was customary in order that an estimate of cost of treatment of such a quantity might be made.

Dr. C. A. Edwards said that about the beginning of May he met accused, who had explained to him something about a deposit of black sand in Upolu. Accused had shown him a consular recognition of his five years' right from a native chief to mine in Samoa. Accused wanted an agent to look after his shipments of black sand, such agent to receive a sixteenth part of the proceeds after treatment of the sand at Dapto. Witness after investigation placed the matter in the hands of his solicitors. Accused told witness that he had 10 tons treated at Dapto, and showed several papers, on the strength of which witness advanced £10 and agreed to become agent.

The defence was that Upolu was a treasure island and that the deposit of sand was all that was claimed for it by accused, and that Mr. Seagrove had not been deceived by accused in any way. Accused produced no evidence, but made a lengthy statement to the jury.

The jury after five minutes' retirement found accused guilty, and added their high appreciation of the conduct of Dr. C. A. Edwards in coming to give evidence in the case when he had himself been victimised.

The sentence was imprisonment for 18 months with hard labour.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Alfred Ryan, who had been convicted of robbery with violence, was called for sentence. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the prisoner, and asked for leniency. His Honor said that he had been surprised at the verdict of the jury, because he had summed up decidedly in favour of the accused on the evidence tendered. He had given the case very anxious consideration, and made full inquiries concerning the truth or otherwise of accused's statements. He had not found accused's statements borne out entirely by what had been ascertained, and he was sorry that such was the case. It was not for him to go behind the jury's verdict in the matter, but he would give the prisoner the right to submit any matters he might ascertain in his own favour if possible. The sentence would be 15 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Court adjourned to the following day.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Friday, February 28.

Term List (to be taken in Banco Court).—At 10 a.m.: For judgment—Cooper v. Gardiner. Special case—In re William B. Thompson, appellant, and William Timmins, respondent, and the Crown Lands Acts (part heard). Motions: Ex parte W. G. H. Lucas, prohibition, to set aside order (part heard); ex parte same, for confirmation of order. To be taken in No. 1 Jury Court.—At 10.30 a.m.: Special cases—In re J. W. Coe (as public officer of Wm. Howard Smith and Sons Proprietary, Limited) and the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act (the Commissioners of Taxation respondents); in re John G. Farleigh and the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act (the Commissioners of Taxation respondents).

Before the Prothonotary.—Reid v. the Minister, 11; in re [illegible], &c., ex parte Zahel, 2.15.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Probate Judge.—At 10.30: Motions for probate and administrations, motions to pass accounts and for commission, motions to sell real estate, miscellaneous motions. Before the Deputy Registrar (to pass accounts):—George A. Withers, 10.45; David H. Daley, 11; James William M'Laurin, 11.15; George R. Elliott, 11.30; Rosetta Hardy, 12; Emma C. Heighway, 12.15. Before the Registrar.—William Price, 11.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Motions generally. Anderson v. Neale, to be mentioned; Minister for Public Works and Perpetual Trustee Company re Blair's estate, petition for payment out; Chamberlain v. Andrews, motion for payment out; Bland v. Duff, summons for discovery; Greville v. Wilkinson and others, originating summons; Lyons v. Gibbons, motion for decree; re Will of Charles Smith, deceased, and Trustee Act, petition for advice; re Estates settled by Will of Alexander Adamson and Conveyancing and L. of Property Act, summons for appointment of guardian.

Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company and lunacy matters. At 12 noon: Farmer (Yule) v. Chard, to approve of scheme of sale, &c. At 2 p.m.: Lawson v. Murray, to settle minutes of order; Mackey v. Nicholas, to settle minutes of decree; Pawley v. Booth, to settle minutes of decree; re J. A. Bain, deceased, and Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, to settle minutes of order. Before the Deputy-Registrar—At 11 a.m.: Smith v. Smith, to tax costs; same v. same, to tax costs; same v. same, to tax costs. At 2.15 p.m.: Exparte James Hooper, taxation.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m., in No. 3 Jury Court—Tone Lee v. Brage and another, to set aside judgment, &c.; exparte Innes, Habeas Corpus; Carruthers and another v. Harris, to set aside demurrer.

Before the Chief Clerk in Bankruptcy.—At 10.30 a.m.: Re estate of Joseph Graham (deceased), taxation of official assignee's costs.

DISTRICT COURT.—Friday, February 28.

Before his Honor Acting-Judge Harris, at 10 a.m.

Motion: Wassell v. Newell. Causes: Rosario v. Howarth (for judgment), Osborne v. Hogg (part heard), Creamer v. Schliemann, Everitt v. Chrimes, Cunningham v. Ahern, Booth v. Miller, Meares v. Mathews.

Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

Before his Honor Judge Murray, in No. 2 Court, at 9.30 a.m.

Appeals against city assessments: Australian Gaslight Company, Limited, Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company, Limited, Sydney Ferries, Limited.

Before the Registrar.

Gourlay and others v. Bradshaw, 10.30; Codrington v. Browning and another, 10.45.

QUARTER SESSIONS.—Friday, February 28.

Hugh M'Hugh and George Wood, housebreaking (2 charges); Annie Ward, attempt to steal.

POLICE COURTS.

Theft.—At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. King, D.S.M., Thomas Wells, 56, driver, was charged with stealing two drums of white zinc, valued at 15s, the property of Messrs. John Keep and Co., on February 19. Accused was fined £3, or in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour. At the same court Jack Alsbury, 17, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on a charge of stealing a silver watch and chain, valued at £2, the property of William Nolan, on February 23.

A Suspected Person.—John Laule, 50, watchmaker, was at the Water Police Court yesterday charged with having a waterproof coat and an umbrella in his possession reasonably suspected of having been stolen. Accused was fined £5, or in default two months' imprisonment.

Illegally Using a Horse.—Henry Moore, 17, buggy-boy, was at the Water Police Court yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment on a charge of having used a horse the property of Ernest Victor Finckh without his consent.

Committed for Trial.—Before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., yesterday, at the Central Police Court, John Sutherland, 54, a labourer, and William White, 54, a cook, appeared to answer a charge of, in company, stealing one Penberthy injector, of the value of £2, the property of John Danks and Co., of 221-230 Pitt-street, on February 21. Both of the accused were committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions. Bail was allowed each of the accused, self in £80 and two sureties in £40 each or one in £80.

Charge of Assault.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., Edward Cummins, 29, a labourer, was charged with assaulting Edwin Mole on February 26. It was stated that when outside of a public-house in George-street the accused, without provocation, knocked prosecutor down and kicked him. Accused, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

Evading Payment of a Tram Fare.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., William Roberts, 20, a greengrocer, was charged with refusing to deliver up the legal tram fare or ticket when demanded by the tram conductor, Isidore M. Blake. The accused was fined 10s, or in default three days' imprisonment.

Theft of a Tumbler.—Before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., yesterday, at the Central Police Court, Sarah Phillips, 28, and Annie M'Intyre, 52, were charged with stealing a tumbler, of the value of 6d, the property of Ann Duggan, on February 26. Each of the accused was sentenced to three days' imprisonment with hard labour.

Committed for Trial.—At the Burwood Police Court yesterday, before Mr. T. E. MacNevin, P.M., Edward White, 21, was charged with having on December 5, 1901, at Strathfield, stolen a large quantity of jewellery, to the value of £100, from the residence of Frederick Percy Ford. Accused, it appeared, was under arrest on another charge at North Sydney, and on being searched a ring, identified by Mr. Ford as his property, was found in his possession. The house had been entered by someone scaling a verandah post from the garden, and four bedrooms had been ransacked. Senior-sergeant Brennan and Constable Kennedy, of the North Sydney police, conducted the case. Accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions, at Darlinghurst, on March 3.

Stealing a Garden Hose.—At the Burwood Police Court yesterday, before Mr. T. E. MacNevin, P.M., Jules Bernard, also called Louis Michain, was convicted for having on February 26, at Strathfield, stolen 95ft. of rubber garden hose, the property of Leon Keep, of Chalmers-road. Accused, it appeared, had stolen the hose about midnight, and had a cart ready to carry his plunder away. Constable Dunnerville, seeing the cart, waited for accused, and arrested him while he was carrying the hose in the early hours of the morning. Bernard was sentenced to imprisonment for six months, with hard labour.

HOTEL TRANSFER CASE.

APPLICATION REFUSED.

At the Central Police Court yesterday Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., heard an application for the transfer of the publican's license of the Federal City Hotel, Bathurst-street, from Richard Stephens to John James Francis. The transfer was objected to by Sub-inspector Sherwood on the grounds that when Francis held the license of the Australian Hotel, Wexford-street, the house was not conducted properly.

John James Francis stated that whilst he held the license of the Australian Hotel the customers were served as in other hotels. He conducted his business properly. The people of the district were of a rough class, but only went to his house to obtain refreshments. He did no Sunday trading, and he kept no touts to watch the police. He was assisted in his business by his mother, but he was a single man. He denied having been cautioned by the police.

Other evidence was given showing that the house was well conducted, and that no disturbances took place on the premises.

Senior-sergeant Wilkinson stated that the house was frequented by people of doubtful character, and deposed that he had spoken to Francis about the manner in which he conducted the business. Arrests had been many at the hotel for various offences.

Sergeant John Thompson said that when Francis held the license of the Australian Hotel he did a large Sunday trade. The place was so well watched that the police could not get within 100 yards of it.

The application was refused.

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A WOMAN'S DEATH.

AN OPEN VERDICT.

The adjourned inquest respecting the death of Bridget Longhurst, 25, who died at the Lewisham Hospital on Friday last, was concluded before the City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore) yesterday. Dr. Sawkins said that he received a message to call at No. 405 Riley-street on the 21st instant. He arrived there about noon, and found deceased in bed and very ill. Nurse Brown was there, and witness was aware that she kept a private hospital. He examined deceased, and found her to be suffering from peritonitis. Nurse Brown told him that deceased had come to her house a day or two before, and was then very ill. Witness understood that Nurse Brown was doing what she could for her. Deceased told witness in the presence of Nurse Brown that she had had a mishap on the previous Sunday. Witness arranged for deceased's removal to the Lewisham Hospital that day. He operated upon her at the hospital, and she recovered from the anæsthetic, but died about 10 p.m. Witness formed the opinion that death was due to septic peritonitis following a certain event. He had no idea what caused the mishap. As far as he could remember Nurse Brown told him that deceased had had a mishap before she went to her place. Deceased told witness that she had taken drugs to bring about the mishap.

Dr. A. A. Palmer deposed to making a post-mortem examination of the body. The cause of death, in his opinion, was septic peritonitis following a certain event.

Jane Wright, a married woman, residing at Belmont-street, Alexandria, said that deceased resided with her for some months. She left witness's place about January 4, but a few days before that she became aware through reading a letter that deceased was in a certain condition.

Jane Vickery, a widow, residing at Devonshire-street, Surry Hills, said that deceased went to her place to board about five weeks ago, and left on Saturday week last, saying that she was going to the country for a fortnight. She was then in good spirits, and appeared quite well.

Amy Vickery, a daughter of the last witness, said that when deceased left her mother's house a young man named Collins called for her, and they left together, going in the direction of Riley-street.

Senior-Sergeant Sawtell detailed a conversation he had with Nurse Brown at the Central Police Station on the 22nd instant. On the following day Nurse Brown, in answer to questions, told him that a man named Collins had been at her house on the Friday night, and when he learnt that deceased had been removed to the hospital became quite frantic, and said, "If she dies I will leave a note to clear you, and will blow my brains out."

The jury returned an open verdict.

THE FIRE BRIGADES' BOARD.

MOVEMENT TO LIMIT ITS POWERS.

In December last the Randwick Council passed the following resolution:—"That a circular letter be written to the City and each of the suburban councils requesting their co-operation with this council in an endeavour to have the powers of the Fire Brigades' Board limited by Act of Parliament to prevent any additional levy without the consent of the City Council and the majority of the suburban councils."

In response to the invitation about 20 suburban councils have agreed to co-operate and will be represented by four delegates each. At the last meeting of the Randwick Council the Mayor (Alderman G. Gale), Aldermen I. B. Hodgson, J. Snape, and A. T. D'Arcy Irvine were elected to represent the municipality, and the council clerk was instructed to arrange for the conference to be held forthwith. It will take place about the middle of March in the city.

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

The weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage was held in the boardroom of the offices of the board, Pitt-street, yesterday. The president (the Hon. Jacob Garrard) was in the chair, and there were present Messrs. Taylor, Davis, Chapman, Ward, Griffin, and M'Pherson and the secretary (Mr. W. Holmes).

The abstract of revenue collected from July 1, 1901, to February 22, 1902, showed the amount to be £192,773 11s 9d, as against £180,002 3s 9d during the same period of the previous year, or an increase of £12,771 8s.

The engineer-in-chief submitted a return showing that during the week ended February 22 892 yards of water-mains were laid, 424 yards removed, 12 yards re-laid, 1428 yards cleaned, and 12 hydrants cleaned.

The following extensions of water supply were granted:—223 yards of 4in. watermain in Connemarra-street, Bexley; 964 yards of 4in. watermain in Garner, Wisdom, St. Vincent's, and Kingslangley roads, Lane Cove; 88 yards of 4in. watermain in View-street, Woollahra; 167 yards 3in. watermain in Cliff and Bower streets, Manly; 195 yards of 4in. watermain in Thorleigh-street, Beecroft. Accounts amounting to £5890 4s 7d were passed for payment.

THE DISAPPEARING AUSTRALIAN FAUNA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As one of those who have the true interests of our country at heart, might I be allowed to speak on the above subject? It is one not to be tossed aside lightly, as on our treatment of it at present depends a great deal. If we treat it as we should then we will earn the lasting respect and gratitude of those who come after us (of all nationalities).

Very few people seem to have any idea of the rate at which the destruction of our native fauna is going on. Hundreds of thousands of marsupial skins are exported from Sydney alone every year, and it may surprise many to know that during the year 1899 alone the scalps of 122,855 kangaroos and nearly 1,000,000 wallabies were brought to various branches of the Stock Department throughout the country and paid for. I could cite many other instances, but as space is limited I think this will suffice.

About two years ago I drew attention (through your columns) to the urgency of this matter. As I pointed out then more fully, the animals of the Australian region generally possess a very great interest to all the world on account of their being, as it were, relics of a bygone geological age. Therefore, the extinction of any of them would be a great and irreparable national loss that would be viewed with regret by all the thinking portion of the world.

Regarding "A.H.L.'s" idea that 10,000 acres might be set apart. Though this would be very good, it would be altogether inadequate. Anyway, we are not cramped, there is plenty of room; so, at the very least, there should be 100,000 acres, and this should be selected in a part of the country where the animals are plentiful, or where they have been known to be plentiful. The tract of country chosen should be of a varied aspect, and well watered. A never-failing water supply is, of course, one of the main essentials. Later on this domain might be fenced with barbed wire, but at present that would not be necessary. All shooting and trapping (excepting when necessary—as it would be sometimes to keep up a perfect balance of life—by persons authorised by the Government) should be tabooed.

Animals that are indigenous of a portion of this or the other States at a great distance from the preserve might be transported thither. But in most cases this would not be necessary, because if all persecution—shooting, trapping, &c.—were stopped within this area the animals would soon find it out, and would flock to it, and, judging by analogy, birds and mammals that had become very scarce would soon make their appearance.

Quoting from Waterton's experience we find that birds appeared that had not been seen in the United Kingdom for over a century, and some that had never been seen there.

Concluding, I trust that the people will take this matter up in earnest, as, apart from its zoological value, it would without a doubt prove to be one of our greatest national assets.

I am, &c.,

February 27. DAVID G. STEAD.

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JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-st. Hotel, Balmain, lease 20 years, beer 8 hhds. wkly., mthly. parm. £170, £700.

JOSEPH and CO.—Old-estab. Hotel, Woollahra, doing a large and profitable bar trade, sell widow, £400.

JOSEPH and Co. Hotel, very central, corner 4 sts., everything compact, takings £40 wkly., £325, bargain.

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JOSEPH and CO.—Hotel, Oxford-st., lease 12 years, 7 x 36 xxx, bar £40 to £45 wkly., £400. 106 King-st.

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BOARDING-HOUSE, Wynyard-square, 13 rooms, rent 45s, nicely furnished, good piano, old-established, always 1-12 boarders, genuine and urgent reasons selling, bargain, £120. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

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P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, magnificent city corner, 20 yrs. lease, 10 x 36 xxx wk., pays brews, £250 mth., £1000.

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P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, sub., tram line, same hands 10 yrs., 9 yrs. lease, bar £70 wkly., urgent reasons, £650.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, command. corn. near new station, proof trade 9 x 36 wk., paying £160 monthly, £500.

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P. V. RYAN.—Hotels, Waterloo, £100, Darling Harb., £150, Surry Hills £120, city £150. 114A Pitt-st.

BUTCHERY, cash trade and run, cart and harn., all fittings, £175, rare chance. Lee and Co., 114A Pitt-st.

BOARDING-HOUSE, centre city, splendid connection, town and country, leav. England. Lee, 114A Pitt-st.

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HAM and Beef, Dairy Produce, &c., well estab., A1 stand, low rent, £15 to £30. Lee, 114A Pitt-st.

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SMALL BUSINESS, easily managed, r. 7s 6d, about £9, bargain. Lee, 114A Pitt-st.

OWEN and CO., 49½ Castlereagh-st.—Restaurant, heart city, takings £80, excep. barg., £75, £40 cash, b. terms.

GROCERY and Provisions, Glebe, takings £30 to £35, years same hands, about £130, any trial, gen. Owen.

STATIONERY and Fancy Goods, splendid stand, tak. £12, see this, £90, val. in stk. Owen, 49½ C'reagh-st.

CONFECT. and Tea Rooms, A1 stand, city, with Res., tak. £12, well appointed, a gift, £55. Owen and Co.

HAIRDRESSERS and Tobacconist's, Oxford-st., 6d saloon, tak. £14, spl. fitted, rent 22s 6d, £135. Owen.

BAKERY, doing 13 bags, good sub., can be doubled, fortune steady man, horses, cart, plant, £90. Owen.

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OWEN and CO., 49½ Castlereagh-st.—Res. Chambers, city, 12 rs., 13 lders, rent 38s, 10 ys. same hands, £120.

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LLOYD and CO.—Poultry Farm, full swing, horses, carts, 7 acres, nice dwelling, complete plant, £100.

HAM and Beef Shop, Restaurant, large saloon, 11 rooms, 4 double beds, 15 single beds, every room well furnished, 2 cooking ranges, everything complete, principals only. Knox, Herald, King-street, city.

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Businesses for Sale.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Boarding-house, Lodging, 6 ldrs., 3 b'ders, clean, nice furn., £35, terms.

BOARDING Establishment, Macquarie-street North, 17 large and elaborately furnished rooms, many years in present hands, 15 perm. b'ders all paying high terms, f[illegible] piano, linen, cutlery, £300, part cash. Needham, 31 Eliz.-st.

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CHEAP BUSINESSES, every description, city and suburbs, cash assistance given. Harrison, 35 C'reagh-st.

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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of THERESA KELLY, late of Cobar, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the first accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-ninth day of April next, at 12 o'clock in the noon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors. Dated the twenty-seventh day of February, 1902. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. W. J. HOGAN, Proctor for Executors, Cobar. By PERKINS and FOSBERY, Solicitors, 172 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JANE GLASS, late of Tweed Heads, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY ANN TURNER, the Sister of the said deceased; and all notices may be left at the offices of the undersigned. PETER STREET, Proctor for Applicant, Murwillumbah. By his Agent, ROBERT BRANDRETH PARRY, 177 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JAMES KELLY, late of Mullumbimby, in the State of New South Wales, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MAY KELLY, of Burringbar, in the said State, Widow of the deceased; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. PETER STREET, Proctor for the Applicant, Murwillumbah. By his Agent, ROBERT BRANDRETH PARRY, 177 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN ROBERT AUSTRALIA STEWART, late of Dora Dora, in the State of New South Wales, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to KATHERINE ANN STEWART, the Widow of the said deceased. All creditors are required to send in particulars of their accounts to, and all notices may be served at, the offices of EMERSON, FOWLER, and TIETYENS, Solicitors, Albury.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN M'ALIECE, late of near Bingara, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN JOSEPH LYONS, of Bingara, the sole Executor named in the said Will. And all notices may be served on the undersigned. THOMAS DENIS RYAN, Proctor for the Executor, Bingara. By his agents, HUGHES and HUGHES, 26 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN STEER, late of Ryde, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Letter Carrier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY ELIZABETH STEER, the sole Executrix named in the said Will; and all claims against the Estate of the said deceased must be rendered to the undersigned within fourteen days from the publication hereof. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. SIDNEY EDGAR PILE, Proctor for Executrix, Temple-court, No. 14 King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of CHARLES WILLIAM NORRIS, late of Bundaberg, in the State of Queensland, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JESSIE NORRIS, the Widow of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. SLY and RUSSELL, Proctors for Administratrix, Australian Joint Stock Bank-chambers, 273 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CHARLES ALFRED RICHARDSON, late of Carthona, Louisa-road, Balmain, in the State of New South Wales, Merchant, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased CHARLES ALFRED RICHARDSON, may be granted to JEANIE RICHARDSON, the sole Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. THOMAS D. PEEL, Proctor for said Executrix, 279 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN SCOTT, late of Stanborough, near Inverell, in the State of New South Wales, Colonial Wine Licensee, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HANNAH SCOTT, the Widow of the said deceased, and the sole Executrix in his said Will named; and all notices may be served at Inverell, on BORTHWICK and M'INTYRE, Proctors for the Executrix, whose Agents in Sydney are Messrs. RAND and DREW, 2 Hunter-street.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—TAKE NOTICE that I, GEORGE ARTHUR ROBINSON, of Harbour View, Watson's Bay, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to the Honourable JOSEPH HECTOR CARRUTHERS, of Number 76 Pitt-street, Sydney, Solicitor, do intend to apply on the last day of the present term to be admitted as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this 25th day of February, A.D. 1902.
GEO. A. ROBINSON.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—TAKE NOTICE that I, WALTER MOFFITT MARKS, of Culwulla, New South Head-road, Double Bay, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to the late Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott, of 14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, Solicitor, do intend to apply on the last day of the present Term to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this 26th day of February, A.D. 1902. WALTER MOFFITT MARKS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Take NOTICE that I, ADOLPHUS JAMES TAYLOR, of Arthursleigh, Falcon-street, North Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to THOMAS HENRY ICETON, of 88 Pitt-street, Sydney, aforesaid, Solicitor, do intend to apply to this Honourable Court on the last day of the present term to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this twenty-sixth day of February, A.D. 1902. A. J. TAYLOR.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Take Notice that I, JAMES PATTESON JONES, of Rockmore, Billyard-avenue, Elizabeth Bay, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to John Booth Jones, Esquire, of No. 38 Elizabeth-street, Sydney aforesaid, do intend to apply on the last day of the present term to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this twenty-seventh day of February, A.D. 1902. JAMES P. JONES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Take NOTICE that I, DENIS LEO BENEDICT GLASHEEN, residing at Sainte Church-street, West Maitland, in the State of New South Wales, and lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to the late FREDERICK ALLEN SHEPHERD BOWDEN, of West Maitland aforesaid, solicitor, do intend to apply on the last day of the present term to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this twenty-fifth day of February A.D. 1902. D. L. B. GLASHEEN.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

There was rather more life in business in investment stocks in the Stock and Share market to-day. Most of the transactions were effected at previous prices. Sales of Bank of New South Wales and Commercial of Sydney shares, and of A deposits of the Australian Joint Stock and preferred deposits of E. S. and A. Bank, were effected at current rates. For North Coast Steam 24s—an advance of 3d—was offered. Insurance were unchanged. Australian Gaslight continue to move off at 17½. Tooth's Brewery quitted at 29s 6d—a reduction of 3d. Emu Gravel and Road Metal brought 11s 9d—the last quotation. Fresh Food and Ice advanced 6d. Slight changes apparent in others were but nominal.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Noon: Bank of New South Wales, 45¼; A.J.S Bank A deposits, 13s 3d; Emu Gravel and Road Metal, 11s 9d. Later: E. S. and A. Bank preferred inscribed deposits, 12s 10½d. Afternoon: Bank of New South Wales, 45¼; Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, 31½; Australian Gaslight, 17½; Tooth's Brewery, 29s 6d. Late sale: Fresh Food and Ice, 8s. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investors.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
STOCKS.								
N.S.W. F. S., 1902	549,550		...	4	103½	104	105½	3½
Do. Ins., 1933	595,[illegible]		...	4	104¼	105		3½
Do. Ins. c.				3	95	94½	95	3¼
Do. 1924-25				3				
Do. T. Bills	1,000,000			3½	100¼	100	...	3½
Do. Deb. 1902	[illegible]			5	100½	...	...	
Do. Deb. [illegible]					100	...	...	
Q.D., 1913				4	108	...	...	3½
Ditto 3½ p.c.						...	...	
N.Z. D., 1914	300,000			4	107½	...	...	3½
Ditto, 1914					102	...	...	
Col. Sugar D., 1914	...		...	5	111	...	...	
City of Sydney 4 p.c., 1925	...		...		102½	101½	...	3½
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,168,041	10	7½	...	...	...	...	
Australasia	1,[illegible]	40	40	10	...	...	...	
City	240,000	10	8	4	94/	...	94/	6¼
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	93/	...	92/	7
Commercial of Australia fully paid	1,192,440	6	6	...	5 4	...	...	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,[illegible]	10	10	3	6	90/	...	...
Commerc. of Sydney	1,000,000	25	12½	10	31½	31¼	31½	4
E. of Aus.	1,498,220	8	5¼	3½	71/	69 6		
Ditto, pref.	395,78[illegible]	10	10	5	...			
N. S. Wales	2,000,000	20	20	10	45¼	45¼	45½	4¼
New Zealand	500,000	...	...	...	+47	45/	50/	
N. Q'nsland	100,000	7	2	[illegible]	13/		15	7¼
Q'land Nat.	412,84[illegible]			...				
Royal of Q.	290,6[illegible]	9	3½	...	46 6	54/	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	8	40½	40¼	41½	5
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class A	...		...	5	13 3	15/	13 4	4½
Class B				3	12 11	12 9	13/	4
Ditto insc.	298,0[illegible]			3½	9 9		9 6	7
Com. of Aus. A'er. 1898	965,499		...	3½	19 9	18/	...	3½
Ditto assets	3,400,000		...	3	15 0	13/	...	3½
E.S.A. Insc. pref.	889,418		...	3	12 10½	12 9	13 0	4½
Transfd.	862,[illegible]			4½	17 [illegible]	17 3	18/	5½
Ditto Deb.	995,[illegible]			4	17 9	17 9		4½
Ditto Ter.	195,779			4	20 3	19 9		4
Q. National				3½	12 6	11 9	12 6	5½
STEAM.								
Balmain N. Ferry	16,4[illegible]	1	1	10	26 6			5½
Illawarra	80,000	5	3½	5½	5¼	...	5½	5
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	19 6	18/	...	6¼
North Coast	181,2[illegible]	1	17 6	8	23 6	24	...	6½
Syd. Ferries	199,0[illegible]	1	1	7	36/	35 9	36	4
P. Jackson	[illegible]	30	25	5	22		26/	
Ditto, Coop.	6,145	1	1	2½	17/	...		
Hwr. Smith, ordinary	...		20		...	...	21	
Ditto Pref.	...		20		...	...	21/	
Ditto Pref.	...		5		...	...	...	
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	60,000	1 10	16½			34/	38/	5
Mer. Mut.	30,000	1 4	16	12/		12	12 6	5½
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	13½	...			
N. Q'land	100,000	1 10	8					
Ditto	3,062	1 5	8					
United	62,500	10	2½	10	74 6	74		6½
Ditto new	5,725	19 12 6	10		15 6		18	
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1 12 6	10		18/	18		
Australian	681,7[illegible]	6	6	9	17½	17¼	17½	5½
New Issue					13½	13	[illegible]	
C. Towers	20,000	10 10	1		14 9			
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	1	48	43/		6
Grafton	8,000	1	1		24		...	6½
[illegible]	10,000	1	1	2	22 6		...	5½
Ditto new	5,000	1 10		7	12 6		...	5½
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	17/	17		7
Newcastle	26,128	2	2	15	6¼	6½		4½
Ditto		...	5		14 6	17 6		4½
North Sh.	100,000	1	1	7	31	30 6	31 6	4½
Ditto New				7	10 6	11/		3½
Maitland Gas	15,500	5	5					
BREWERIES.								
Albury	10,500		10	5	...	...	5/	
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5			5/	
Australian	48,000	10	10		4 2			
C. and Wood Bros.								
[illegible]	250,000	1	1	4	10	9 9	10 3	8
Marshall's	[illegible]	10	5	6	[illegible]	3 6	4	8
Perkins	58,9[illegible]	15	15	17½	17			7½
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	29 6	29 3	29 9	4
MISCELLANEOUS.								
[illegible]	17,500	15	10	5	3 6	3	8 6	
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	5	15	14	...	6¼
B. H. Water Supply	180,500	1	1	10	...	20/	...	4½
Burns, Philp	275,000	1	1	8	34/	32 6		4¾
New Issue		1	5/	8	8 6	...		5
Col. Sugar	1,8[illegible]	20	20	10	36½	36¼	36½	5½
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	5¼	5	5½	7¼
Dunlop P. Tyre							19	
Emu G. Rd.	100,000	1	1		3 6			
Emu Gravel	50,000	1	1	5	11 9	11 6	12/	
[illegible]							14	
Mel. Trams	80,000	1	10	10	21 6			
M. de Pieté	74,124	1	1	8	[illegible]	30		5¼
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	5	17			
Ditto Pref.	45,801	1	1	6	21 6	21	22 6	5½
F. Food, Ice	165,114	1	18/		6 9	7 6	8 6	
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15		2 11	2 6	3/	
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	22 6	21 9	22 9	8¼
Perm. Trust.	20,000	5	2 6	6	2 1	2/	2 1	7½
Perp. Trus.	25,000	10	5	8	9 3	9 3	9 9	4½
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	18/	13/	...	7½
Sd. Trams.	197,[illegible]	1	1	30	70/	69	...	8½
Syd. Exc.	20,000	10	10	7		15		4½
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	40 6	40	41 6	5
Ditto	31,500	1	10	10		20 6	22	4¾
Vol. Land Ord.	...		...	...	160	...	165	...
LAND & BD.								
A. Mut. Dep.	...			...	4d	...	...	...
Excels. Dep.	...			...	7 9	...	—	...
Fed. B. Dep.	...			...	14	...	—	...
Haymark. Dep.			13	3	12 6		...	...
Ditto Shares						12/	...	...
Ind. Prov.	60,065	20	20	6			...	5½
Intercol. Inv.	33,938	1	15	7	16/		16 6	6¼
[illegible] Land	...			...	3 9	3/		
Syd. & S. Dep.	...				8			
Newcastle [illegible]					1 9			

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

† Auckland Register.

‡ Cum rights.

The half-yearly meeting of the New South Wales Fresh Food and Ice Company, Limited, was held at the Mercantile Mutual-chambers to-day, Mr. Laidley Mort (chairman of directors) presiding. The report and balance-sheet for the half-year ended December 28, 1901, of which we have already given the principal items, were unanimously adopted. Captain John Broomfield was re-elected director, Mr. Rigden withdrawing his candidature. Mr. J. R. Campbell was re-elected an auditor. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the directors and staff for their efforts during the half-year.

The shipments of gold from Sydney for the week ended February 22 amounted to £16,566. Since January 1 the exports have been as follows:—

For	1901.	1902.
London	£176,710	£180,709
Continent of Europe	...	140
China	27,049	32,239
India	50,000	...
Australasia	9,041	10,000
Polynesia	—	2,022
	£263,791	£225,110

The imports of gold, amounting to £336,015, exceed the exports, amounting to £225,110, by the sum of £110,905. From Melbourne, Fremantle and Sydney the shipments to date amount to about £1,611,000, as against £1,693,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

With a wise forethought very different from that absence of consideration which characterises the direction of the new-fangled mutual reserve and fraternal life offices in America, the leading American and British life offices are gradually changing their valuation rates to meet the requirements of falling interest. In 1901 no fewer than 21 of the British offices made valuation investigations. Six of these offices assumed a rate below 3 per cent., as compared with only 4 at the previous valuation, and six only valued above 3 per cent., as against 8 on the earlier stocktaking. None of them had valued at a higher rate, and the highest was 3 to 3½ per cent. The rates of interest earned by these offices ranged from £3 3s 7d per cent., the lowest rate—that of the Prudential, the largest British company—to £4 5s, the highest, obtained by the London Assurance office. The reversionary bonuses resulting from the operations of certain of the offices making these valuations ranged from 20s per cent. up to 32s 9d and 116s 2d per cent., the Clergy Mutual giving the exceptionally high distributions. The Gresham declared no bonus, but that did not arise from too high a valuation, for it earned £4 1s 2d per cent. on its funds, while its assumed rate was 3½ per cent., the same as at the previous valuation. Its trouble was to a large extent the result of excessive management expenses, partly due to its expansive policy. One other office also declared no bonus. The failure of the companies to pay bonuses was partly due to the provision for strengthening the reserves.

From London comes news that the capital of the "Shell" Transport and Trading Company was being increased from £2,000,000 to £3,000,000 by the creation of 100,000 5 per cent. cumulative preference shares.

Though the price of copper was being cut very low in England at the date of our advice, and there were rumours of even lower prices (which the cable informs us, however, did not prove true), Messrs. James Lewis and Son, of Liverpool, regarded these movements as evidence that American operators were merely preparing the ground for a sharp reaction in copper and copper shares, and a return to a higher level of values, since so little of the metal had been actually disposed of. The object, therefore, was not to sell copper, but to depress copper shares, thus facilitating the covering of previous sales and the acquisition of a large block of shares at a low price. Messrs. Lewis understood that a pool had been or was being formed to take over the bulk of the surplus stock of copper in the States, and hold it for six months if necessary, and they thought there was little doubt that the large independent producers had agreed with the Amalgamated to cut down their yield so that accumulated stocks might be gradually worked off and production kept well within the limits of consumption. When these arrangements were officially announced there would naturally be, Messrs. Lewis remarked, a rapid advance both in the price of copper and of copper shares. This will doubtless account for the advance of £8 to £9 per ton since advised by cable message.

Who produce and who eat the sugar of the world is indicated in an article in the Parisian "Temps." We may put the figures it elaborates as follows:—

	Production. Tons.	Consumption. Tons.
France	1,100,000	450,000
Germany	2,130,000	850,000
Austria	1,220,000	400,000
Russia	1,000,000	1,000,000
Belgium	330,000	70,000
Holland	190,000	75,000
United Kingdom	—	1,700,000
Other countries	400,000	983,000
	6,370,000	5,528,000

A small quantity was taken by the United States, but the greater part of the remainder has accumulated in the bonded warehouses, forming the stock which is depressing the market price. The striking feature of these figures is the fact that the 41,000,000 inhabitants of the United Kingdom, though not producers, take twice as much sugar as the 55,000,000 people of Germany and nearly four times as much as the 40,000,000 of France. The mother country is the best customer these various producing nations have, and it may well be imagined that any legislation that would curtail the import or make any differentiation in favour of cane sugar would be viewed very seriously on the Continent of Europe. The British Board of Trade returns show that in 1900 the imports of sugar and molasses into the United Kingdom aggregated 1,835,000 tons, of which all but about 150,000 tons came from European countries, where the people cannot afford to eat it or use it so freely, largely in consequence of the protective duties, which raise the prices to them. According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Economist," the "German consumers pay £5,750,000 a year more for their sugar than the like amount of German sugar would cost the foreigner." If for "foreigner" the words "British consumers" were inserted, then, doubtless, the sentence would be more correct, for the duties of nearly all the other nations raise the prices as in Germany.

The value of the imports into the port of Sydney for the week ended February 22 amounted to £462,879, as compared with £381,501 in the corresponding period of 1901. The value of the exports in the week aggregated £767,985, against £244,847 in 1901. From the beginning of the year the trade compares with that of the previous years as follows:—

IMPORTS.

	1901.	1902.	Increase or Decrease.
Wool	£48,090	£43,541	Dec. £4,549
Tallow	5,385	3,061	Dec. 2,324
Skins and Hides	58,322	49,256	Dec. 9,066
Produce	82,830	99,907	Inc. 17,077
Wheat	48	—	Dec. 48
Flour	4,492	7,168	Inc. 2,676
Total merch.	£2,772,628	£2,663,022	Dec. £109,606
Gold	234,802	326,015	Inc. 91,213
Grand totals	£3,027,430	£2,989,037	Dec. £28,393

EXPORTS.

	1901.	1902.	Increase or Decrease.
Wool	£1,505,157	£1,994,419	Inc. £489,262
Tallow	91,327	86,210	Dec. 5,117
Skins and Hides	76,624	65,969	Dec. 10,655
Leather	58,858	64,502	Inc. 5,644
Meats	144,025	102,696	Dec. 41,329
Flour	83,214	325,184	Inc. 241,970
Produce	86,865	80,709	Dec. 6,156
Tin	5,955	11,849	Inc. 5,894
Copper	56,856	44,686	Dec. 12,170
Total merch.	£2,760,880	£3,391,908	Inc. £631,028
Gold	263,391	225,110	Dec. 38,281
Grand totals	£3,024,271	£3,617,018	Inc. £592,747

A decrease of 3·9 per cent. in the imports and an increase of 22·8 per cent. in the exports of merchandise is shown.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat continued firm, though quiet, at 3s 2d to 3s 3d, as more or less nominal quotations. Flour sold quietly at £7 5s to £8, according to brand, delivery, and quantity. Manitoba flour moved off at £11 12s 6d to £12 per ton.

The Collector of Customs gives the exports of wheat from the port of Sydney during the week ended February 22 as 269,864 bushels. There were no imports during the period. The exports of flour totalled 595 tons, and the imports 87 tons.

Messrs. Chapman and Co., of this city, have received an order for 500 tons of flour from the War Office. The order will be executed as follows:—300 tons by the Wagga Company and 200 tons by the Great Western Milling Company, of Millthorpe. The flour will be shipped next month.

IMPORT MARKET.

Nothing occurred to-day to relieve that dull monotony that has now prevailed for so long. Locally trade continued inactive. Even those lines, such as tinplates, fencing wire (black, galvanised, and barbed), and galvanised iron, all of which have been recently subject to smart advances at the centres of production, are locally dull at prices considerably below replacing costs. The sole effect of the receipt of these cables has been to lessen the desire of holders to sacrifice in the present unresponsive market.

Tea.—Sixty packages of Kooloo teas moved off at 9½d in bond, with 1d duty added; 15 packages of Ceylon broken pekoes, 11d, and 50 chests of Indians, 6½d per lb.

Regarding the Colombo tea market, Messrs. Scott, Henderson, and Co. report having received the following advices under date February 6:—"All tippy teas and teas with a good quality of cup are in strong demand, and are selling at advancing prices here. Common teas, in consequence of the duty disturbance in London, are weaker."

In their Calcutta tea market report dated January 30 Messrs. Moran and Co. wrote:—"On the 24th instant 16,499 packages were offered, of which 15,613 packages found buyers. The offering was generally plain, there being a lot of red and undesirable teas. The market was quiet, and common and medium teas were lower, while rough and poor liquoring kinds were difficult of sale. Teas showing quality meet with good competition. The latest advices from London go to show that in anticipation of a rise in the duty, the trade's finance is being used for clearing present stocks from the bonded warehouses, not for increasing them; and this, we think, is a good reason why the London market is generally easier. On Friday, 31st instant, about 13,000 packages will be offered; the quality is generally plain. Our exports to U.K. to date are 145,555,776lb., against 154,014,021lb in 1901 and 145,852,000lb. in 1900. Ceylon exports to U.K. to 23rd instant are 5,750,000lb., against 9,782,101lb. last year. Ceylon exports to Australia and New Zealand to 23rd instant are 600,000lb., against 475,066lb. last year."

Sugar.—Small sales only were advised at late market rates.

Groceries.—100 cases of Trefavenne quarter-sardines sold at 3s 9d; halves were wanted also. Twenty-five cases of Milne's flat fresh herrings were placed at 5s 3d. Salt salmon went at 3½d for barrels, and 3¾d for half-barrels.

Dried Fruits.—Distributing business alone was reported. Sultanas ruled firm at 8d on spot.

Eastern Produce.—Twenty-five tons of linseed changed hands at about £16 per ton, and 10 tons of Rangoon rice at £8 5s f.o.b. Japan rice met with some inquiry, £19 10s to £20 being asked.

Metals.—A further batch of cables has been received indicating still further advances in the world's metal markets. I.C. coke tinplates have advanced a further 4½d per box. German fencing wire was cabled as still advancing, with a difficulty in getting quotations. Black American fencing wire and galvanised wire advanced 8s 9d per ton. On spot prices saw no change. Twenty-five tons of black wire sold at £7 15s for No. 8, and £8 10s for No. 10. Galvanised wire went at £10 and £10 15s respectively, and barbed wire at £14 10s. Wire nails were quoted at list price to 5 per cent. on in bond. A parcel or two that had not paid the duty were, however, still available at a concession. Holloware was scarcely quotable, so quiet has trade been of late in this line. Bolts and nuts ruled somewhat irregularly, owing to some sizes being scarce.

Jute Goods.—Cornsacks were nominal at 4s 3d. Branbags had a little attention at 3s 7½d, while woolpacks were quoted at 1s 8d to 1s 8½d for forward delivery. Regarding the Calcutta jute market the Calcutta "Englishman" of January 31 states:—"The market has ruled steadily in favour of buyers, but even at the lower level of rates business is coming out very slowly, and is of no great extent. Western markets have confined their attention almost entirely to actual requirements and odd lots of specialities for near at hand. There has been a fair amount of inquiry from the colonies, but limits have been too low to permit of much business being put through. Local demand is poor, and buyers are operating very sparingly."

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £8822. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1629; wine, £50; ale, porter, and beer, £65; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £631; sugar and molasses, £158; tea, £96; opium, £86; hops and malt, £16; confectionery, £15; flour, £32; glass (window), £34; oils (linseed), £99; paints, £44; rice, £16; timber, £472; varnishes, £88; glucose, £18; harbour and light rates, £71; pilotage, £62; excise on spirits, £139; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1222; excise on beer, £159; at ad valorem rates, £3214.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Tallow Sales.—At Wednesday's auctions of Australian tallow at the Baltic Rooms the offerings and sales continued small. Prices showed no change as compared with the previous week, being as follows:—Fine mutton, at 37s 6d; medium mutton, at 32s 6d; fine beef at 33s 9d; and medium beef, at 31s per cwt. The quantities offered and sold and prices for medium qualities at late sales were:—

	Offered Casks.	Sold Casks.	Med. Mutton. Per cwt.	Med. Beef. Per cwt.
December 4	1,225	775	30s 0d	30s 6d
December 11	825	425	30s 6d	31s
December 18	1,075	750	30s 6d	31s
1902.				
January 8	1,200	850	32s 0d	31s 6d
January 15	1,374	752	32s 6d	31s 6d
January 22	1,094	400	32s 6d	31s 6d
January 29	724	90	33s 6d	31s 6d
February 5	440	113	32s 6d	31s
February 12	498	98	32s 6d	30s
February 19	850	400	32s 6d	31s
February 26	825	375	32s 6d	31s

Messrs. Colchesters and Woolner report under London's latest mail date that the reports from South America would indicate that supplies of tallow thence will be curtailed. Home tallow was rather more plentiful throughout the Kingdom, and with a slackening soap trade and a diminished edible demand, there might be more than sufficient to supply local requirements.

London Wool Sales.—Dalgety and Co., Limited, and Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, report the receipt of cables which confirm our own messages of yesterday.

London Leather Market.—Messrs. Boutcher, Mortimore, and Co. write under date London, January 21:—"There is an improved demand for leather generally. Light and medium English butts and bends are in fairly good request, and heavy are in rather short supply. Australian sides of best tannages are in short supply, and are selling at full prices; medium and lower qualities are also in good request at firm rates. Hemlock hides maintain their price and are in fair demand. Shaved hides and dressing hides are plentiful, and prices are easier. Calfskins are in good request at full prices, and supplies are wanted."

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 497 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, 21 were received coastwise, and 23 came forward by rail at Newcastle on Tuesday last.

Butter Statistics.—The Collector of Customs gives the imports of butter at the port of Sydney during the week ended February 22 as 500lb., and the exports as 78,512lb.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

THE TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

At the periodical tallow sales to-day 825 casks were offered, and 375 casks were sold. Prices were unchanged as follow:—Fine mutton, 37s 9d; medium mutton, 32s 6d. Fine beef, 33s 9d; and medium beef, 31s per cwt.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The wheat market was slightly easier to-day. Grain was offering at 2s 2½d, but buyers mostly declined to go above 2s 2d. A small amount of business was done in flour, which is unaltered and quiet at £7 10s. Bran and pollard had fairly good sale at 1s.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Chillagoe Debentures were quoted buyer £78; Queensland National Bank inscribed stock, buyer 11s 9d, seller 12s 3d; Queensland Trustee, seller 6s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Metropolitan Board of Works 3½ per cents sold at £99 2s 6d. Colonial Bank, ordinary shares, sold at 26s; Commercial Bank, ordinary, 4s 9d; National Bank, ordinary, 70s; New South Wales Bank, £45 10s; Metropolitan Gas, £8 10s; Victoria Fire Insurance, 33s 6d; Silverton Tram, 70s; B.H. Water Supply, 20s; Denton Hat Company, 15s; Melbourne Hydraulic, 33s 6d; Northcote Brick, 14s 3d.

Wheat sellers ask 3s 4½d to 3s 5d, buyers offer 3s 4¼d; moderate business was done to-day at 3s 4¼d. Flour is in good demand at £7 15s. Business includes 600 tons for export. Bran is 11d to 11½d. Pollard, 11½d to 1s. Algerian milling oats are selling steadily at 2s 8d to 2s 8½d; extra prime, 2s 9d; seed, 2s 10½d to 2s 11d; feed, quiet, 2s 5d to 2s 7d. Maize scarce, 3s 4d. Chaff, £3 to £3 7s 6d. Warrnambool potatoes, £3 15s to £3 17s 6d; prime Gippsland, £4 to £4 5s. Onions, £3 10s. Thirty chests of Ceylon tea sold at 7d. Sultanas, 7¾d to 8d. Ling up to 5d; cod, 4½d to 4¾d. Salt salmon up to 4½d. Sellers of fencing wire are asking up to £8 5s for distributing lots. About sixty tons of G.C. iron sold. Considerable business was done in wire netting.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

CORAKI, Thursday.

The steamer St. George left yesterday for Sydney with 49 bags maize, 30 pigs, 3 coops poultry, 23 cases eggs, 1 bundle marsupial skins, 3 tons machinery, 10 cases honey, 14 bales millet, 480 boxes butter, 6 bags pigs' heads, 2 bags hams, 9 casks lard, 2 bags pigs' feet, 5060ft. case material, 30,000ft. sawn pine, 100 casks molasses.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Despite the end of the month being so near at hand, a good deal of business was done in all departments to-day. Apart from a rise in lucerne and a fall in potatoes, no change of importance in prices transpired. Supplies under offer were, with one or two exceptions, ample for all requirements. The market for maize had an exceptionally firm tone on account of the light stocks on the spot. The demand was only steady owing to the end of the month restricting purchases. Oats had a good deal of attention as did other grain lines at late values. Both bran and pollard moved off moderately well at 11d and 10½d per bushel respectively. Owing to the continued dry weather a substantial turnover was done in all forage lines especially in lucerne hay and chaff. The market for lucerne was active, sales being easily effected at further advanced rates. Potatoes were, if anything, weaker, about £5 10s being the top price for choice descriptions. Onions were quiet at £4 10s to £4 15s for Port Arlingtons. In dairy produce a good deal of business was done in all lines. Case eggs were easier, especially northern sorts which were slow. Butter, cheese, bacon, and poultry sold well at quotations.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Scarce and firm. Hand-cured, 8d; flitches, 7½d; middles, 8½d; farmers' hand-cured, choice 9½d; Pineapple flitches, 7¾d; middles, 8½d; York Castle mild-cured brand, sides 8½d; Bodalla sides, 8d. Hams, 10½d; Eclipse sides, 7¾d; Clarenzo sides, 8d. Hams, Local hams, choice, in cloth, 9½d; New Zealand, 9½d to 10d; Pineapples, 11d; York Castle, 10½d; Eclipse, 10½d per lb.

Eggs.—Northern eggs, 11d to 1s; South, 1s 1d to 1s 2d; suburban new-laid hen eggs, good sale, 1s 4d to 1s 5d; and duck eggs, 1s 4d to 1s 5d per dozen.

Butter.—Market steady. Choice quoted at 12d, second quality quoted at 10d to 10½d, pastry 10½d; pasteurised 1s 0½d per lb.

Cheese.—Firm. Prime loaf, 6½d to 6¾d; medium quality to 6d; large choice, 6d to 6½d; medium quality, 5½d; new, 4d to 5d; Kameruka, 7d; Bodalla, 7d per lb.

Poultry.—Steady sale. Fair supplies. River Poultry, fowls, hens, prime 3s 3d to 3s 6d, medium to 3s, very young sorts, 2s, 2s 6d; choice roosters, 3s 6d to 4s; young roosters, locally reared, 3s 6d to 4s; hens, 3s 3d to 4s 6d; English river ducks, 2s 6d to 2s 9d, choice 3s to 3s 3d, locally-reared, old 3s to 3s 3d, young 3s 6d; Muscovy ducks, river, 3s 6d to 4s; locally-reared ducks, 3s to 4s; drakes 4s to 5s; geese, 4s 6d to 5s; turkeys, gobblers 10s, good 12s to 13s, prime to 16s; hens, 6s to 7s per pair.

FEED GRAIN MARKET.

Oats.—Local Algerian, 2s 5d to 2s 6d, choice 2s 7d to 2s 8d, choice prime white, 2s 11½d to 3s 1d, medium 2s 9d to 2s 10d, prime seed 3s to 3s 5d; Tasmanian prime, 3s 1d to 3s 2d per bushel.

Maize.—Market firm. River grain: Old, 3s 5d to 3s 6d, prime new quoted 3s 6d. Inland: Prime quoted at 3s 6d, medium 3s 5d, Victorian 3s 6d per bushel.

Peas.—Grey 3s 6d, blue 6s to 6s 5d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape, prime 2s 9d, medium to 2s 6d; English, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime 2s 11d to 3s, medium to 2s 10½d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Plentiful. Local, prime £4 2s 6d to £4 5s, extra choice to £4 12s 6d, medium £3 15s to £4, rough to £3 10s; Adelaide, £3 13s to £4 per ton.

Lucerne.—Wharf, prime £4 2s 6d to £4 5s, medium to £4; railway, prime in small bales £4 5s, extra choice £4 10s, medium to £3 17s 6d, large bales medium to £3 15s, prime to £4 per ton.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles: Prime, £4 7s 6d to £4 15s; good, £4 5s; medium to £3 10s per ton.

Straw.—Local: Bundled, to £2 10s; derrick-pressed £2 2s 6d to £2 5s per ton. Imported, none offering.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lard.—Bladders 5½d to 6½d, bulk 5½d to 6d per lb.

Onions.—Prime Portarlington, choice £4 10s to £4 15s per ton.

Honey.—Candied at 1½d to 2d, choice clear 2½d per lb. for tins containing 60lb.

Beeswax.—1s to 1s 1d per lb.

Turnips.—Tasmanian, £5 5s per ton.

WOOD MARKET.

Large supply. Good demand. Best footwood, 12s 6d to 14s, second quality 9s 6d to 11s 6d, rough 7s to 9s 6d; billets 9s to 10s, second quality 8s to 8s 6d, rough 7s to 7s 6d; bakers', split 10s to 11s, medium 8s 6d to 9s 6d, bundles, best 10s to 12s, medium 8s to 9s per ton.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian Circulars, prime £5 10s per ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Both bran and pollard were firm. Bran was quoted at 11d, and pollard at 10½d per bushel.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern railway terminus markets this morning a heavy supply of produce was offered for sale. Owing to the want of space on the sale lines a quantity of forage forward was left over for to-morrow's sale. The market opened with a buoyant tone, sales being easily effected even at firmer rates. Towards the end of the sale, however, the demand was rather slack at prices much the same as those ruling on Tuesday last. The market for chaff had a buoyant tone, sales being good at slightly higher rates. Extra choice green made 4s 6d to 4s 8d, prime 4s 1d to 4s 3d, good medium 3s 9d to 4s, fair to 3s 7d, and rough 3s 1d to 3s 3d per cwt. Oaten hay was a trifle cheaper and in good request at 4s 5d to 4s 8d for ordinary prime rack. Lucerne hay commanded ready sale at higher rates. Extra prime in small bales fetched 4s 6d, prime 4s 1d, and medium 3s 9d, while a choice lot in large bales found a purchaser at 3s 10d per cwt. Rye-straw realised 3s 3d, and good to prime wheaten in bundles 2s 3d to 2s 6d per cwt. Prime Algerian feed oats sold at 2s 7½d, and good white short feed at 2s 10d per bushel. Choice maize was knocked down at 3s 6d, and medium quality at 3s 4d per bushel. Prime chickwheat had attention at 3s per bushel. Bran moved off at 11d per bushel. A few choice potatoes were in request at 6s 6d per cwt. Watermelons had good sale at 2s 3d to 6s per dozen.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions of produce actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 38 trucks; oats, 6; oaten hay, 3; potatoes, 2; watermelons, 3; bran, 1; wheat, 1; maize, 4; lucerne, 4; and straw, 4.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. H. Prescott and Co., H. M. Suttor and Co., Stewart, Porteous, and Co., Farmers and Settlers' Association, Farmers' Co-operative Company, J. Bridge and Co., S. B. Bond, R. Hall and Son, J. Campbell, Walker and Oxby, Dalgety and Co., Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, R. Little and Co., Ellis and Co., Dent and Perry, and G. Wells and Matthews.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From Gardiner, Maryvale, (truck No. 5170) and (4850) passed; A'Beckett, (11,072) and (9842) 4s 2d, (4869) 4s 1d, (7471) 4s 2d; Purcell, Woodstock, (1188) 3s 11d; Ewin, Blayney, (3052) passed, (1332) and (1332) 3s 11d; Bullock, (7301) passed, (7021) 4s 1d; Booth Brothers, Bomen, (8098) and (5283) passed, (10013) 4s 3d, (25) 3s 9d; (8825) 3s 7d, (8013) 3s 6d; Pyke Brothers, Coolamon, (4910); Miller Brothers, Coolamon, (639) 4s; Roberts, Marrar, (7801) and (4495) 3s 7d; Department of Agriculture, Bomen, (7132) 4s, (2704) 4s; Jenkins, Gunnain, (3097) 3s 3d; Gardiner, Orange, (6090) passed; Dent and Perry, Millthorpe, (10,098) 4s 9d; Suttor, (1628) 4s 6d; J. Bridge and Co., (9626) 3s 10d and 4s 2d; O'Leary, (0219) 3s 9d; Attwood, Springdale, (7074) and (6020) 3s 10d; Powell, Wagga, (6900) 4s 2d; Haydon, Bungendore, (2776) 3s 8d, (11,364) 3s 9d; Moss, Cootamundra, (3097) passed, (x130) 4s; Hutchison, Stonehenge, (5738) 3s 10d, (12121) 3s 9d; White, Eulomogo, (2803) passed; Eastman, Kelso, (3045) 3s 6d; Schons, Mumbil, (5089) 3s 1d; Offner, Dripstone, (5494) and (11,718) 3s 6d; Cannon, Cookamidgerie, (3408) 3s 6d; Wright, Heaton, and Co., Orange, (8522) 3s 9d; White, (1097) 4s; Bonnor and Co., (11,102) passed; Cantrill, Amaroo, (5159) 3s 7d; Murphy, Matong, (3551) 3s 7d; Worner, Nubba, (2672) 3s 9d; Jeremy and Co., Wagga, (188) and (5217) 3s 7d per cwt.; Walsh, (4345) 3s 7d, (3283) passed; Williams, Blayney, (4538) passed; J. Hannah, Nubba, (5757) passed; T. Baker, Newbridge, (9775) passed.

Lucerne.—From Boyd, Perth, (2197) 3s 3d; Linnane, (6004) 4s 1d; Barr, Moombi, (3865) 3s 10d; Lonergan, Mudgee, (2958) 4s 6d per cwt.

Oaten Hay.—From M'Dermott, Orange, (1290) 4s 6d; J. Bullock, Newbridge, (11261) 4s 8d; J. Brynes, Lyndhurst, (5830) 4s 5d per cwt.

Straw.—Bundle: From Toomey, Newbridge, (8840) 2s 3d; Saunders, Lyndhurst, (7275) 2s 6d per cwt.; Moore, (x30) passed.

Rye Straw.—From Cutler Brothers, Raglan, (3463) 3s 3d per cwt.

Maize.—From J. Bridge and Co., Bowning, (5276) 3s 6d; Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, Gundagai, (3598) passed; Howell, Jennings, (4472) 3s 4d per bushel; Ah Chee, Gundagai, (3843) passed.

Oats.—From Macqueen, Young, (3980) 2s 7½d; Blackmore, Millthorpe, (1304) and (6215) passed; ex Darling Harbour, (3487) passed; Brown, Newbridge, (2687) passed; oats, (5203), 40 bags, passed; 40 bags X 2s 10d per bushel.

Wheat.—Ex Darling Harbour, (2841) 3s per bushel.

Bran.—Ex Darling Harbour, (6471) 11d per bushel.

Potatoes.—From Bowral, (5093) 9 bags branded ES 6s 6d; Mittagong, (2987) 7 X passed, 8 C passed.

Watermelons.—From Richmond, (5298) W. S. Farlow 2s 7d, Shields 4s 6d and 4s 5d; Penrith, (6378) Field 6s; Richmond, (11107) J. T. Shields 5s per dozen.

FRUIT MARKET.

At the Bathurst-street markets this morning only small supplies of seasonable fruits were under offer. The demand continued good, especially for choice fruit, which was scarce and dear. Apples had good sale, a fall in cooking sorts being the only change of note in prices. Choice peaches sold well, but any touched with the Queensland fly was almost unsaleable.

Current quotations were:—

Passionfruit.—Rough to 6s, medium to 8s, good to 12s, prime to 16s per gin-case, choice 7s to 9s per half-case.

Oranges.—Windfalls 2s 6d to 3s 6d, rough-pulled 3s 6d to 5s 6d, medium to 5s, good 6s to 8s, prime 10s to 12s, choice seedlings to 13s per gin-case.

Pineapples.—Common, choice Brisbane, 3s to 5s; Queens 4s to 6s per case.

Rockmelons.—5d to 6s per gin-case.

Watermelons.—Small 2s 6d to 3s 6d, medium 4s to 5s, good 5s 6d to 6s, choice large 6s 6d to 7s 6d per dozen.

Bananas.—1s to 4s per bunch, 7s 6d to 9s per case.

Lemons.—Windfalls and large lemons to 4s, medium to 5s, good 6s, choice 8s to 10s per gin-case; Sicilian, 11s to 13s per case of 300.

Apples.—Local: Fannies, 10s; Jonathans, 8s to 11s; ribstones, 8s to 12s; Trevetts, small 3s to 4s, good 6s to 8s, prime 10s to 12s; Granny Smiths, 5s to 7s; jam, 2s to 3s; cooking apples, choice 6s, others 4s to 5s per gin-case; Carpenters, 6s to 7s, prime 8s to 11s per gin-case; Tasmanian Alexanders, 5s to 6s; Alphristones, 6s; Codlins, 4s to 5s; ribstones, 6s 6d to 7s per case.

Tomatoes.—2s to 2s 6d per quarter-case; 2s 6d to 3s, good 3s 6d, choicest 4s to 4s 6d per half-case.

Peaches.—Slipstones, 3s 6d to 7s, very prime to 8s, small clingstones 1s to 2s, medium to 3s 6d, good 4s to 5s 6d, prime 6s to 6s 6d per gin-case; slipstones, prime 5s to 6s, others from 3s to 4s; clingstones, 3s 6d to 4s, choicest large to 6s per half-case.

Grapes.—Black Hambro, 2s 6d, good 3s 6d, choice 4s to 4s 6d, white 2s to 3s, choice 3s 6d to 4s per box. Muscatels, ordinary 2d to 3½d, choicest large white 4d to 5d.

Plums.—Local: Late Orleans and greengages, 2s 3d to 2s 6d per quarter-case; Tasmanian, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; Victorian, 5s to 6s per packer case; local, 2s 6d to 3s per packer case; golden drops 3s to 3s 6d per quarter-case.

Pears.—Williams medium 4s to 5s, good 6s to 9s, choice 10s to 12s per gin-case, choicest 5s 6d to 6s 6d per half-case; butter pears 3s 6d to 4s 6d, good to 5s 6d, choice 7s; China 2s to 4s per gin-case; Victorian Williams, 11s to 13s, rough 8s to 10s; Beurre de Cap, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; Gansell Bergamots, 9s to 12s per packer.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

Fair supplies of most varieties of seasonable vegetables were under offer at the Belmore markets this morning. The inquiry continued good, a little being bought for export to Queensland. As far as prices were concerned no changes of note occurred.

Prices were as follow:—Cabbages from inland districts, 2s to 3s 6d, good to 5s, prime to 7s; red cabbages, 3s to 5s; horseradish, 8s; beetroot, 9d to 10d; all herbs, 8d; mint, 8d; plain spinach, 8d to 9d; eschalots, 1s; leeks, 1s to 1s 3d; white turnips, 1s to 1s 3d; parsnips, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; rhubarb, 1s to 2s; celery, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; soup, 1s; watercress, 1s 6d to 2s; radishes, 4d to 6d; greenstuff, 4d; horse carrots, 9d; parsley, 1s; lettuce, 4d to 6d; carrots, 4d per dozen bunches; green peas, Moss Vale 5s to 6s per bushel; French beans, 4s to 5s per bushel; pumpkins, Crown and Ironbark 4s to 9s, medium to 8s, good to 10s, choice to 13s per dozen, special large garden sorts 1s 6d to 2s 6d; vegetable marrows, 2s to 4s; custard marrows, 1s to 1s 6d; cucumbers, local 1s to 1s 6d, extra large 2s per dozen, others 10s to 12s per sack; tomatoes, 2s 6d to 3s 6d per quarter-case, 3s 6d to 5s per half-case; chillies, 4s to 5s per bushel; watermelons, 3s to 6s; rockmelons, 2s 6d to 7s per dozen.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

The following trucks were ordered up to 5 p.m. on Thursday:—For Monday, March 3: 313 sheep vans, 92 cattle waggons. For Thursday, March 6: 340 sheep vans, 66 cattle waggons.

FAT STOCK SALES.

HOMEBUSH YARDS.—Thursday.

SHEEP.

About 20,000 sheep and lambs penned at to-day's sales, from 128 consignors, and including many small lots. The sheep comprised a large proportion of fair to medium merinos, with a sprinkling of good to prime; crossbreds were well represented, except prime and heavy, which were very scarce. There was the usual attendance of buyers, including the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited. The market opened firm to active competition for good to prime lots; other descriptions were weak, but improved especially towards the end, closing strong. The S. M. P. Company operated freely, and materially aided the market. Quotations: Prime merino wethers 11s to 12s, extra prime merino wethers 12s 6d to 13s, good merino wethers 9s to 10s 6d, medium merino wethers 6s to 7s 6d; prime crossbred wethers 12s to 13s 6d, a few to 16s, good crossbred wethers 10s to 11s, medium crossbred wethers 7s to 8s; prime merino ewes 8s to 9s, extra prime merino ewes 10s to 11s, good merino ewes 6s to 7s, medium merino ewes 4s 6d to 5s 6d; prime crossbred ewes 10s 6d to 11s 6d, a few to 14s, good crossbred ewes 8s to 9s, medium crossbred ewes 6s to 7s, inferior from 3s. Sales:—

Joseph Leeds and Co.—51 crossbred wethers for W. F. Buchanan at 11s 8d, 9 crossbred ewes at 11s 9d, 448 wethers at 10s 9d, 23 crossbred wethers at 10s 2d, 17 crossbred ewes at 10s 2d, 143 wethers at 9s 4d; 11 wethers for J. Rudd at 12s 3d, 270 ewes at 11s, 195 at 7s 11d; 121 crossbred wethers for W. B. Perry at 11s 6d, 5 crossbred ewes at 11s, 41 crossbred wethers at 9s 4d; 310 wethers for Fennell at 11s 9d, 76 at 9s 8d; 70 crossbred wethers for J. H. M'Intosh at 11s 7d, 214 wethers at 10s, 11 crossbred ewes at 9s; 2 crossbred ewes for T. A. Webb at 10s 9d, 20 at 8s 6d, 22 wethers at 8s 6d, 36 ewes at 5s 6d; 37 crossbred ewes for J. and A. Stevenson at 9s 5d; 5 ewes for J. L. Slattery at 7s 6d, 88 ewes at 4s; 14 crossbred wethers for the Hon. F. B. Suttor at 10s 6d, 64 crossbred ewes at 8s, 36 hoggets at 7s 4d, 63 crossbred ewes at 7s, 241 ewes at 6s 6d.

Farmers and Settlers' Association, Limited.—95 wethers for H. B. Jackson at 13s, 62 ewes at 10s 6d, 93 wethers at 11s 7d; 17 wethers for W. Halliday at 10s 6d, 40 ewes at 9s 2d; 25 wethers for F. Reynolds at 10s 11d, 78 at 10s 8d; 42 wethers for H. W. Wright at 8s 6d to 8s 9d, 11 crossbred wethers at 9s 11d to 12s 3d; 58 wethers for J. H. Beadle at 12s 2d, 42 forward at 8s.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—100 ewes for C. M. Young at 8s 5d, 173 at 7s 5d; 300 wethers for E. C. Barbour at 8s 2d to 9s 11d, 100 at 7s 10d to 8s; 22 wethers for J. Moore at 10s 8d, 153 ewes at 8s 9d, 76 wethers at 7s 7d; 112 wethers for M. and A. Bolger at 8s 6d, 88 ewes at 8s 6d to 8s 6d.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—189 wethers for J. Perry at 11s 3d to 11s 6d, 34 crossbred wethers at 10s 11d, 56 at 10s; 331 wethers for D. and W. Sellar, 11s 4d to 11s 6d, 27 at 10s 4d, 100 ewes at 9s 11d; 36 crossbred ewes for J. Glasson at 11s 5d, 29 crossbred wethers at 11s 5d, 178 wethers at 9s, 256 ewes at 9s, 12 crossbred wethers at 8s 6d, 6 rams at 8s; 54 crossbred wethers for Charles Burcher at 10s 9d, 134 crossbred ewes at 10s 1d, 439 wethers at 9s 8d to 9s 9d, 52 crossbred ewes at 9s 6d, 18 crossbred wethers at 8s 6d, 27 wethers at 8s 5d; 5 wethers for Charlton station at 11s 11d, 151 ewes at 10s 3d, 48 at 8s 7d; 557 ewes for Scottish Australian Investment Company, Limited, 6s 8d; 197 crossbred ewes for Northern agents at 9s 6d to 9s 10d, 21 crossbred wethers at 10s, 39 crossbred ewes at 7s, 10 rams at 6s.

J. C. Young and Co.—90 crossbred ewes for S. S. Hunt at 9s.

Hill, Clark and Co.—34 crossbred ewes for T. M. Dugan at 10s 5d, 27 at 9s 3d, 6 wethers at 9s 3d; 132 wethers for J. Godfrey at 12s 6d to 12s 7d, 37 ewes and wethers at 10s 4d; 58 crossbred wethers for Delegate station at 12s 1d to 12s 5d, 154 crossbred ewes at 10s 7d to 10s 8d, 268 wethers at 10s 5d, 106 at 9s 8d to 9s 9d; 25 crossbreds for G. H. Robinson at 12s 4d, 33 at 11s 11d, 79 comeback wethers at 11s, 126 comeback ewes at 9s 9d, 20 wethers at 9s 8d, 8 ewes at 9s; 200 wethers for Salting Brothers at 11s 8d to 12s 1d; 67 wethers for J. Collins at 11s 6d; 708 wethers for Litchfield Brothers at 11s 1d to 11s 5d; 3 crossbred ewes double fleece for W. J. Mackay at 11s 6d, 4 crossbred ewes at 8s 10d, 105 ewes and 1 wethers at 7s 10d; 67 wethers for J. Grainger at 10s 11d, 14 crossbred at 9s 3d; 18 ewes for D. Grainger at 8s 11d, 52 crossbred at 9s 5d; 179 wethers for H. Price at 10s 10d, 65 ewes at 8s 3d; 5 wethers for H. Wyndham at 10s 10d, 225 ewes at 7s 9d; 41 wethers for Western agents at 10s 8d; 315 wethers for H. J. Bell at 10s 1d, 61 ewes at 8s 2d to 8s 4d, 182 wethers at 8s; 71 wethers for J. Walmsley at 8s 11d, 43 ewes at 8s 9d; 75 crossbreds for trustees G. Campbell at 9s 5d to 9s 10d, 42 at 7s 6d to 7s 7d, 54 wethers at 9s; 447 wethers for J. Rutherford at 8s 10d to 9s 6d; 122 wethers for J. Jennings at 8s 5d, 25 ewes at 8s 5d, 38 crossbred ewes at 7s 9d, 8 crossbred wethers at 7s 9d; 6 ewes for Southern agents at 7s 9d, 57 wethers at 7s 9d; 16 ewes for A. J. M'Innes at 7s 3d; 302 ewes for Wilga Station at 6s 9d to 6s 11d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—5 wethers for J. Sands and Co. at 17s 6d, 16 crossbred wethers at 16s, 14 crossbred ewes at 14s 2d, 6 crossbred rams at 14s 6d, 14 wethers at 13s 1d, 30 at 12s 1d; 103 wethers for M. Sawyer, jun., at 12s 2d to 12s 5d, 667 at 10s 7d to 10s 8d, 206 at 9s 6d; 34 wethers for T. and G. Barnes at 12s 3d, 156 at 11s 10d; 93 crossbred wethers for T. Coleman at 10s 4d, 5 crossbred ewes at 10s 4d; 17 wethers for executors late S. Tout at 11s 6d, 84 ewes at 8s 9d; 600 wethers for T. and J. Carter at 10s 4d to 10s 10d; 457 wethers for Mrs. M. L. Carr at 10s 9d, 31 stags at 10s 1d; 10 crossbred wethers for J. Newman at 10s 7d, 85 wethers at 9s 10d, 12 rams at 7s; 163 wethers for J. Connell at 10s 4d, 41 at 9s, 15 rams at 9s, 78 ewes at 6s 11d, 23 at 6s; 189 wethers for A. G. Keith at 10s 3d; 28 at 8s 6d, 92 ewes at 7s 7d, 14 rams and stags at 7s, 45 ewes at 6s 5d; 11 crossbred wethers for H. C. Chapman at 9s 10d, 21 wethers at 9s, 30 crossbred ewes at 8s 8d, 47 ewes at 8s; 8 ewes for J. Newell at 6s 6d; 212 wethers for N. H. Carberry at 9s 6d; 10 wethers for Mrs. W. Russell at 9s 6d, 18 crossbred ewes at 9s, 5 crossbred wethers at 9s, 68 ewes at 7s; 37 wethers for C. L. Perrottet at 9s 3d, 148 ewes at 6s 10d; 46 crossbred wethers for H. J. Walsh at 9s, 56 wethers at 8s 7d; 52 crossbred ewes for C. J. Britten at 8s, 40 at 7s 4d, 7 wethers at 7s 4d; 1707 wethers for Strahorn Brothers at 8s to 8s 8d, 358 at 7s; 30 wethers for C. E. Ellis at 8s 4d, 7 ewes at 8s 4d; 110 wethers for H. Ellis at 8s, 6 ewes at 8s; 19 wethers for Western agents at 7s 6d, 88 ewes at 6s 5d; 78 ewes for C. Hazell at 7s 5d, 109 ewes for C. H. Hazell at 5s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—192 wethers for A. Dunn at 11s 3d; 231 wethers for W. Keys at 11s 6d, 69 at 10s; 290 wethers for M. Armour at 11s 2d; 109 wethers for G. M. Finlay at 11s 6d to 11s 9d; 552 wethers for A. A. Company at 11s 4d, 42 stags at 9s 11d, 30 wethers at 11s 3d; 104 wethers for T. H. Mate and Co. at 11s 5d, 548 at 10s 7d, 30 at 9s 2d; 102 wethers for Hodges Brothers at 8s 10d, 98 ewes at 7s 6d; 522 wethers for P. Campbell at 10s 6d to 10s 7d, 80 at 8s 6d; 37 wethers for W. Corby at 12s 3d, 278 at 10s 9d, 60 at 9s 3d; 103 wethers for Western agents at 10s 1d; 101 wethers for S. and W. R. Harris at 10s 2d to 10s 3d; 37 wethers and ewes for S. Jones at 6s 8d; 154 wethers for J. Morrice at 8s 1d, 29 at 5s 9d, 15 crossbred ewes at 6s; 11 crossbred ewes for P. Boreham at 9s, 19 ewes and wethers at 7s; 99 wethers for Western agents at 9s 3d to 9s 6d; 192 hoggets for executors J. Wall at 9s 4d, 28 at 9s 9d; 60 crossbred ewes for C. Clarke at 5s 1d, 36 wethers and ewes at 5s 1d; 793 wethers for executors J. Strahorn at 7s, 50 crossbred wethers and ewes for D. M'Donald at 10s 10d, 51 at 9s 3d; 95 ewes for D. Stewart at 7s 7d, 5 wethers at 10s 4d, 6 crossbred ewes at 9s 1d; 44 ewes for A. A. Dalgleish at 7s; 32 crossbred ewes for Western agents at 9s 4d; 46 crossbred ewes for J. C. S. Tyler at 10s 6d; 1041 wethers for Southern agents at 7s 7d to 9s; 141 wethers for R. Hyles at 9s to 9s 3d, 155 ewes at 5s; 26 crossbred wethers for P. J. Mafner at 10s 6d, 107 wethers at 9s 6d, 278 at 8s 5d; 30 wethers and ewes for D. O. Neill at 7s 7d, 39 crossbred wethers and ewes at 9s 9d; 89 crossbred ewes for J. Clee at 7s, 152 crossbred wethers and ewes at 8s.

Weaver and Perry.—217 wethers for G. Mair at 11s to 11s 4d, 88 wethers at 10s; 68 mixed wethers for G. Lockyer at 7s 3d, 118 ewes at 6s, 110 crossbred ewes at 5s 9d; 50 crossbred wethers for Northern agents at 11s 6d, 22 crossbred ewes at 11s 6d, 92 at 10s 6d, 37 ewes and wethers at 10s 4d; 41 crossbred wethers for Western agents at 11s 1d, 45 wethers at 9s 11d, 76 crossbred ewes at 9s 3d, 38 at 8s 3d; 82 wethers for Mount Dixon Estate at 8s 5d to 9s, 52 at 11s 4d, 60 at 10s 6d, 10 rams at 7s; 16 crossbreds for J. W. M'Callum at 13s, 10 at 10s 7d, 5 mixed at 8s.

Maiden Brothers.—4 crossbred wethers for F. R. C. Hopkins at 13s 6d, 253 at 12s, 10 crossbred ewes at 12s, 214 crossbred wethers at 11s 3d, 44 crossbred ewes at 10s 8d; 102 merino wethers for A. Cosgrove at 11s 1d; 6 merino wethers for G. T. Davis at 12s 6d, 130 at 10s 6d, 134 at 8s, 28 ewes at 7s 5d; 14 crossbred wethers for F. Booth at 12s 6d, 76 merino wethers at 10s 1d, 5 crossbred ewes at 10s 1d, 8 rams at 7s 3d; 80 wethers for Mrs. J. W. Blewitt at 10s 10d, 6 crossbred wethers at 9s 1d, 11 crossbred ewes at 9s 6d, 7 merino wethers at 8s 9d; 257 merino wethers for J. Ingold at 10s 3d to 11s 6d, 146 at 8s 5d; 144 merino wethers for D. R. Nightingale at 10s, 101 at 8s 7d, 65 ewes and wethers at 6s 6d, 30 crossbred wethers for Western agents at 10s 8d, 19 ewes at 10s 8d, 37 ewes at 9s 2d, 7 ewes at 8s 9d; 180 wethers for E. Harvey at 9s 11d, 20 at 8s 3d, 88 ewes at 8s 3d, 21 at 6s 7d; 62 ewes for J. Burton at 7s 6d; 57 ewes for H. Marshall at 8s, 15 wethers at 8s; 104 crossbred ewes for A. J. Brownlow at 10s 8d, 71 at 10s 6d, 31 ewes for R. Dixon at 9s; 61 ewes for Marshall at 7s 11d; 80 merino wethers for Hanson Brothers at 9s, 295 ewes at 8s 8d to 8s 10d; 267 wethers for executors of A. M'Bean at 11s 5d to 11s 8d; 317 wethers for A. T. Nixon at 9s 6d, 107 at 6s 9d to 7s 2d; 128 merino wethers for H. G. Thackeray at 9s, 47 at 8s 1d, 56 ewes at 7s 1d; 71 crossbred ewes for Barrett and Melrose at 11s, 26 at 9s 2d, 102 merino ewes at 7s 5d; 451 ewes for J. Newman at 9s, 102 at 7s 1d; 209 wethers for Beazley at 10s 11d to 11s 1d, 87 at 9s 3d; 386 ewes for executors of E. H. Grace at 9s, 213 ewes at 7s; 448 ewes for Heelong Estate at 7s 4d; 110 wethers for H. C. Suttor at 7s 7d to 7s 10d; 30 crossbred wethers for Wilson M'Cauley at 11s, 41 merino mixed at 8s, 98 mixed at 6s 6d; 51 mixed for W. J. Goldsby at 7s 8d, 33 at 6s 1d; 26 ewes for R. Yates at 6s, 16 wethers at 6s.

LAMBS.

Fair supply of lambs, mainly fair quality, prime none too plentiful; values firm for prime, lower qualities dull of sale. Prime lambs 11s to 11s 6d, good lambs 8s 6d to 10s, medium lambs 6s to 7s, light and inferior 4s to 5s, suckers from 3s.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—27 lambs for J. Rudd at 6s; 82 lambs for F. B. Suttor at 7s 6d; 34 lambs for W. B. Perry at 7s 1d; 26 lambs for J. L. Slattery at 5s; 6 lambs for T. A. Webb at 11s, 16 at 8s 7d; 142 lambs for J. and A. Stevenson at 9s 6d, 27 at 7s.

Farmers and Settlers' Association, Limited.—40 lambs for H. B. Jackson at 9s to 9s 2d, 7 at 7s, 33 lambs for W. Halliday at 10s 7d, 8 at 8s; 42 lambs for H. W. Wright at 8s 3d, 7 at 11s.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—21 lambs for J. Moore at 10s 2d, 10 at 8s 6d.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—41 crossbreds for J. Glasson at 8s 10d to 11s; 213 suckers for Charlton station at 3s.

J. C. Young and Co.—94 lambs for Mrs. S. S. Hunt at 11s to 11s 5d, 17 at 9s 11d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—58 lambs for Western agents at 10s 10d to 11s; 39 lambs for J. Godfrey at 10s 10d; 45 lambs for H. J. Bell at 10s 3d, 10 at 9s; 33 lambs for Trustees G. Campbell at 8s 6d; 50 lambs for W. J. Mackay at 8s 1d to 8s 4d, 15 at 7s 6d, 34 at 7s 1d; 31 lambs for T. M. Dugan at 8s 2d; 25 lambs for J. Grainger at 8s; 15 at 7s 4d; 18 lambs for D. Grainger at 7s 4d; 302 lambs for A. J. M'Innes at 6s 9d; 51 lambs for Southern agents at 6s 4d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—10 lambs for R. C. Chapman at 10s 10d, 71 at 8s 2d; 15 lambs for C. E. Ellis at 1s, 60 at 7s; 7 lambs for J. Sands at 11s 6d; 8 lambs for C. L. Perrottet at 7s, 21 at 6s 10d; 103 lambs for H. Ellis at 6s 5d; 8 lambs for C. H. Hazell at 5s; 112 lambs for C. J. Britten at 8s 6d; 6 lambs for C. Hazell at 8s 8d, 16 at 7s; 75 lambs for J. Newell at 9s to 8s 2d, 20 at 8s 1d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—10 lambs for Western agents at 6s 9d; 46 lambs for E. Jones at 5s 6d, 27 at 4s 2d; 16 crossbreds for P. Boreham at 8s 6d, 63 at 6s 6d; 184 hoggets and lambs for executors of J. Wall at 8s 4d, 130 at 8s 7d to 7s; 230 crossbreds for A. A. Dalgleish at 7s 7d, 61 at 7s 2d to 7s 4d; 63 crossbreds for Western agents at 8s; 76 crossbreds for J. C. S. Tyler at 6s 3d, 30 at 6s; 13 lambs for R. Hyles at 7s 7d; 15 crossbreds for D. O'Neill at 7s 30 hoggets for J. Clee at 6s 2d, 40 lambs at 6s.

Weaver and Perry.—7 lambs for J. W. M'Callum at 9s 6d to 9s 10d, 22 lambs at 10s 4d to 10s 8d, 10 lambs at 7s 1d.

Maiden Brothers.—37 lambs for E. Harvey at 10s 9d; 32 crossbred lambs (shorn) for executors late A. M'Bean at 9s 4d; 87 lambs for W. M'Cauley at 5s 4d, 7 at 6s; 104 lambs for Manion Brothers at 6s 7d to 8s 1d, 60 at 6s 6d; 9 lambs for A. J. Brownlow at 10s 6d, 51 crossbred lambs (shorn) at 9s 1d; 52 hoggets for J. Burton at 9s 5d, 100 lambs at 7s; 24 lambs for Marshall at 6s 11d, 9 hoggets at 6s; 25 lambs for R. Nixon at 6s to 6s 2d, 40 at 7s 4d; 20 lambs for W. J. Goldsby at 6s 3d; 24 lambs for H. Marshall at 6s 11d, 9 hoggets at 6s; 62 lambs for R. Yates at 5s 9d.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 1158 cattle yarded, representing 45 consignors, mainly from the Northern and North Coast districts; the balance from the west and south. The yardings mainly comprised good useful bullocks, well suited to the summer trade; a sprinkling of prime, and a few odd lots of heavy bullocks (workers); plain and inferior bullocks not so strongly in evidence as of late; about 250 cows and heifers, principally medium and inferior quality, prime scarce; 110 calves included in the yardings. There was a large attendance of buyers, but as the supply, on top of last Monday's heavy yardings, was beyond trade requirements the market opened at a fall of from 15s to 20s per head, improving, however, as the sales progressed nearly equal to previous rates. Closing quotations:—Yards of prime and heavy bullocks £10 5s to £10 15s, yards of extra heavy bullocks (workers) to £13 10s, yards of prime bullocks £9 to £9 15s, yards of good bullocks £7 10s to £8 5s, yards of medium bullocks £5 to £6, yards of light and inferior bullocks and steers from £4 5s; yards of prime cows £6 to £6 15s, odd choice beasts to £8 14s, yards of good cows £4 15s to £5 15s, yards of medium cows £3 10s to £4 5s. Best beef may be quoted at 25s 6d per 100lb.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—10 bullocks for W. Rowlands at £9 7s; 11 bullocks for J. A. Badgery at £8 17s; 11 bullocks for G. M. Finlay at £7 10s; 141 bullocks for Kyogle Estate to £8 12s, averaging £7 7s 8d; 40 bullocks for Chapman, Huggins, and Co., to £7 10s, averaging £7 7s 8d; 20 bullocks for Northern agents, to £8 1s, averaging £7 6s 1d, 18 cows to £7 6s, averaging £5 8s; 50 bullocks for A. A. Company to £8, averaging £7 0s 6d; 23 bullocks for N. Hall to £9 4s averaging £6 18s 2d, 1 bullock (injured) at £3 5s; 46 cows for A. J. and J. Cunningham to £6 1s, averaging £5 5s 4d; 10 cows for W. D. Gordon at £4 11s, 3 calves to £1 16s, averaging £1 10s 8d; 1 steer for T. Maguire at £4 1s, 2 heifers at £3 16s, 2 calves at £1 17s; 75 calves for White Brothers to £1 16s, averaging £1 1s.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—21 bullocks for J. and W. J. M'Kinney to £8 8s, averaging £7 12s 6d; 30 heifers for Charles Burcher to £5 12s, averaging £4 4s 7d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—9 bullocks for H. J. Walsh to £13 10s, averaging £12 1s 6d, 20 to £7 11s, averaging £7 1s 7d; 9 bullocks for Strahorn Brothers to £13, averaging £11 1s, 7 bullocks to £8 10s, averaging £8 4s 6d, 4 cows to £8 14s, averaging £8 12s; 32 bullocks for trustees late T. Walker to £9 10s, averaging £9 6s; 22 bullocks for Rosedale Estate to £8, averaging £7 10s 6d; 30 bullocks for C. M. Lowe to £8 2s, averaging £7 8s 10d; 32 bullocks for H. E. Telfer to £8 5s, averaging £7 6s, 3 cows at £5 7s; 1 bullock for Northern agents at £8, 9 cows to £4 13s, averaging £4 16s 1d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—5 bullocks for W. P. Perry Company to £12 10s, averaging £9 13s 2d, 2 stags to £10 0s, averaging £9 8s; 10 bullocks for — Roberts to £9 5s, averaging £9 0s 10d; 20 bullocks for W. Weatherley to £9 11s, averaging £8 19s 6d, 2 steers at £6 1s, 3 cows to £8, averaging £6 5s 4d, 9 heifers at £4 15s; 18 bullocks for W. H. Bannister to £7 5s, averaging £6 13s 9d, 2 cows at £6 12s, 7 steers at £5 7s, 10 heifers at £4 19s; 5 cows for W. Reklaw at £7 10s 7d, 4 bullocks at £7 1s, 11 steers at £6, 3 cows at £5 5s.

Weaver and Perry.—45 bullocks for executors S. Wiseman to £7 10s, averaging £6 3s 10d; 11 bullocks for J. Donoghue to £10, averaging £8 5s 8d; 9 bullocks for R. H. Holmes at £7 14s.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—20 bullocks for T. Walkom to £8 5s, averaging £7 17s 5d; 13 bullocks for T. Fitzpatrick at £7 12s, 19 cows to £6 17s, averaging £6 1s 7d; 24 bullocks to £7, averaging £5 16s 9d, 1 cow at £5 6s; 61 bullocks for W. Reynolds to £6 14s, averaging £5 4s 11d; 14 steers for Tara station at £5 16s, 49 heifers to £5 9s, averaging £4 14s 3d; 3 steers for W. J. Ward at £4 2s 8d, 5 heifers at £3 17s 7d, 9 calves at £2 0s 10d.

THE CITY YARDS.

William Inglis and Sons report:—Milch cows. The supply this week was fairly large, the majority of those forward being medium to good quality. Sales opened to the usual attendance of buyers, and competition throughout was spirited, the best quality animals selling readily at good values. Old cows and inferior sorts sold at low prices. Best made from £9 15s to £10 15s; extra, £11 5s to £12 10s; good, £7 to £8 5s; medium, £5 5s to £6 5s; inferior, £3 10s to £4 10s. We sold 74 at the above quotations, also 41 dry and fat cattle from 30s to £7 0s. Calves: We sold 87 the Hunter, 13s to 60s; 15 Riverstone, 18s to 52s; 15 Liverpool, 16s 6d to 28s; 20 Campbelltown, 10s to 22s; 14 Penrith, 8s to 60s; 59 Rooty Hill, 15s to 33s; 36 various owners, 8s 6d to 51s. Pigs: We sold 25 Clarence River, 27s 6d to 54s 6d; 87 Camden, 12s 9d to 58s; 100 Western agents, 14s 6d to 60s; 103 Goulburn, 14s 9d to 80s; 36 Rookwood Asylum at 58s 6d; 25 Campbelltown, 26s 6d to 60s 6d; 26 Raglan, 14s to 38s; 50 Tarana, 10s 9d to 69s 6d; 15 Penrith, 17s 3d to 49s 6d; 57 suburban owners, 25s to 66s 6d; also, 110 store pigs from 8s 9d to 17s 9d; and 48 suckers, 5s 9d to 7s 9d.

Ellis and Co. sold at the City Corporation Yards and their Railway Stock Saleyards:—Milch cows, £4 to £9 15s each; fat cows, £4 to £6 15s each. Fat calves: 24 for Limbert at 28s to 60s, 19 for Ireland at 18s to 38s, 24 for various at 8s 6d to 29s each. Fat pigs: 18 for Oxley at 25s to 59s 6d, 27 for Smith at 18s to 51s 6d, 30 for Flood at 38s 6d to 70s, 24 for Reynolds at 17s to 39s 6d, 26 for various at 17s to 50s each. Store pigs: 23 for Smith at 5s 6d to 9s 6d, 24 for Vesey at 13s to 21s 6d each.

Maiden Brothers sold just on 1000 pigs—to 69s for backfatters, 61s for baconers, 37s 6d for porkers, and 18s for stores; also 40 calves at market rates.

J. C. Young and Co. sold over 125 pigs to £2 18s 6d, 30 calves to £2 4s.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Fat stock sales were held at Campbell's Hill to-day in the presence of a limited number of buyers. Fat cattle: A fairly large supply was forward. The demand for good light weights was active, and values were firm at last day's rates. Medium quality and heavy weights were lower. Best bullocks made £9 17s to £10 10s, good £8 15s to £9 5s, light and medium £6 1s to £7 14s; cows, £5 10s to £5 5s. Calves: A large supply was penned. The demand was dull, and values showed a slight decline on Monday's rates. Best heifer vealers made £3 12s to £4 8s, good 57s 6d to £3 3s, small and medium 22s 6d to 37s 6d. Sheep: A small supply was penned. The demand was fairly active, and values were without alteration. Best pens of crossbred wethers made 14s 5d, others 10s 5d to 12s; ewes 10s to 13s; merino wethers, 8s 6d to 10s; ewes, 6s 9d to 8s; lambs, best 9s 6d to 10s, others 6s 9d to 8s. Fat and store pigs: A fair supply was forward, principally of baconers. The demand was very active and values were firm at late rates. Baconers made 35s to 48s; heavy porkers 24s 6d to 29s 6d, light 17s to 20s; stores and slips, 5s 6d to 13s 3d; suckers, 5s to 6s 9d.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., the Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report:—

Tallow.—The tone of the market was stronger, and prices advanced 7s 6d per ton. Quotations: Prime mutton, to £28 10s per ton; prime beef, to £27 2s 6d; prime mixed, £27 to £27 5s; good mixed, £25 to £26 15s; medium mixed, £24 17s 6d to £25 10s; inferior mixed, £22 to £23; broken packages, good, £23 to £25 5s; broken packages, inferior, from £20. 246 casks were offered and 182 sold.

Leather.—Sales were held yesterday by Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited. The market, while being fairly attended, did not show the desired degree of activity, and in consequence buyers' ideas of values were at rather weaker levels, and we fear that until the country is blessed with a copious rainfall trade demands will not be of an extensive or satisfactory nature. Best waxed goods, including medium calf and yearlings and kips of best finish, received attention, and sold at satisfactory prices. Basils of best quality and suitable substance sell at full values, while sole shows little alteration. Harness, bridle, and bag continue unchanged. Quotations:—Calf tweed, best 16½d to 17½d, medium 15d to 16s; cow tweed, best 15s to 15½d, medium 13½d to 14½d; yearling tweed, best 16½d to 17½d, medium 15½d to 15d; split yearling tweed, best 16d to 17½d medium and heavy 14d to 15d; waxed calf, super 19d to 20d, medium and fair 17d to 18d; kip, superior 11½d to 12½d, medium 10½d to 11½d, heavy and inferior 9½d to 10d; waxed yearling, best 16d to 17½d, heavy and common 13d to 14d; dressed splits, superior 8½d to 9½d, medium 7d to 7½d; sole, heavy 10d to 11d, medium 8½d to 9½d, faulty and damaged 6d to 7½d; shoulders, 7d to 8d; bellies, 5d to 6d; waxed kangaroo, 20d to 22d; splits, rough butts, 4½d to 5½d; shoulders, 2d to 2½d; basils, first shoe 11s 6d to 12s 6d per dozen, second shoe 7s 6d to 10s, third shoe 3s 6d to 4s 6d, saddlers' 14s to 16s, greasy 8s 6d to 10s; bridle, 8s to 11s per side; bag, 8s to 10s 6d per side; harness, best heavy brown 12d to 12½d, medium heavy brown 10½d to 11½d, heavy black 12½d to 13d, medium black 11d to 12d.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning apples sold at 2s to 6s per case; grapes, 2s to 5s per case; Italian oranges, 20s to 23s per double case; Italian lemons, 18s to 20s per double case; melons, water 3s to 5s per dozen, rock 4s to 6s; peaches, 3s to 6s per case; pears, dessert 3s to 8s per case; plums, 2s to 3s 6d per case.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The market yesterday opened sluggishly, and in the early forenoon there was little doing; towards noon, however, an improving tone was noticeable, and indeed a somewhat large miscellaneous business was transacted. Mount Garnet Freehold opened a shade under late rates, and a large parcel of Munganas was taken at 3s 10d, with more offering at that figure at the close of the day's operations. Mount Lyell commanded a firm market at 80s buyers, and 30s offered on account of North Mount Lyell failed to bring out sellers. Amongst tin companies Briseis claimed further attention, selling as high as 16s 10½d at noon but that figure was not maintained at the close. Silver shares had fair inquiry, and business to a good extent was transacted in Broken Hill South (paid) at 27s 3d, and the parent company's stock at 35s 9d. Amongst local gold stocks the only line showing improvement was Sunlight shares, while Woodlark Island, contributing, were vainly sought at 10d. Buckland River had purchasers at the firm price of 4s 3d without sellers being found. The market in Queensland stocks was healthy throughout, Band of Hope, Brilliant Central, Brilliant Extended, and Papuan shares all being supported at firm rates. The Oriental and Columbia stocks on the Gympie field had also extensive inquiry, with an upward tendency in prices. In Western Australian shares business was confined to South Kalgurli, Associated Gold Mines, and Cosmopolitan Proprietary stocks. At the close of the day it was seen that there had not been much disposition to do business in this section of the market.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Bellambi	22/	—
East Greta	18/	24/
Hetton	—	55/
Newcastle	17 10/	18 0/
Stockton	9 6	9 9
Ditto, new	4/	—
Vale of Clwydd	16/	18/
Wallsend	32 5/	33 0/
Wickham and Bullock Island	—	6/
Ditto, new	4d	—
Ditto preferential, £1 pd.	—	16/
COPPER.		
Great Cobar	—	85/
Mount Garnet Freehold	24/	25 9
Mungana (Chillagoe)	3 8	3 10
Nth Nymagee	—	6d
TIN.		
Briseis	16/	17/
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	11/	12/
Ditto, new	8 9	9/
Broken Hill Proprietary	35 6	36/
Block 10	45/	47/
Block 14	9/	—
B.H. Junction	3 6	3 9
Junction N'th.	—	2 2
North Broken	12/	13/
B. H. South	27	27 3
Ditto, con.	—	20 6
B. H. South Blocks	—	7/
Sulphide Corporation	—	11 6
Ditto, preference	—	20/
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	80/	83/
North Mount Lyell	30/	—
GOLD. New South Wales, &c.		
Mount David	6d	1/
Mt. Drysdale	—	15 6
Occidental	11/	13 0
Peak Hill	—	1 6
Ditto, con.	—	1
Sunlight	1/3	2 4
Woodlark Island	—	4/
Ditto, con.	10d	11d
Young Australian	—	1 6
Dredging and Sluicing Companies.		
Araluen Central	—	15/
Araluen Junction	1/3	—
Araluen Proprietary	—	5/3
Araluen Valley Consolidated	—	9/3
Associated Gold-dredg.	—	6/
Buckland River	4/3	—
Cope's Creek	6d	1/0
Federal Centrifugal	4½d	7d
Jembaicumbene	—	8/
Jerricknorra	—	8d
Ovens Valley	—	1/6
Shoalhaven Terraces	—	3/
Turon River	—	7/
Queensland.		
Band of Hope	20 6	22/
Brilliant Block	8/	8 9
Brilliant Central	78/	—
Brilliant Extended	16/	17/6
Ditto, con.	13/	14/
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, &c.	3/	—
Ditto, con.	2/4	2 8
Columbia Smithfield	—	9d
East Oriental and Glanmire	6 9	—
Kelly's Queen Block	6/	6 6
Ditto, con.	—	5/9
Mt. Morgan	75/	80/
Nth Columbia and Smithfield No. 1	3 3	—
N'th Oriental and Glanmire	4/	4 6
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	16 9	22/
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 2	1 9	2 9
No. 2 North Victory	1 2	1 6
Papuan	4/	4 5
South Glanmire and Monkland	31/	34 6
South Great Eastern No. 2	30/	35/
South Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	9/	—
Victoria G.M. Association	3/	3 7
Western Australia.		
Associated	27/	30/
Ditto Northern Blocks	49/	50 6
Brown Hill Central	—	7d
Chaffers	4/	5/
Cosmos Proprietary	—	1/
Gt. Boulder	19 0	19 9
Ditto Main Reef	—	15 9
Gt. Boulder Perseverance	10/18	11 3/
Hainault	9 6	10/
Hannan's Block 45	4d	1 3
Hannan's Oroya	45/	45 9
Ivanhoe	7/10	7/15/
Kalgurli, London register	37/6	38/
Kalgurli South, London register	40/6	42/
Lake View Consols	—	87 6
Lake View South	—	8/
Paringa Consolidated	—	2/3
Queensland Menzies	11/9	12/6
Queen Margaret	5 9	6/3

EXCHANGE SALES.

The local Mining market operations were confined to the following sales:—Forenoon: South Kalgurli (London register), 41s 6d. Later: Associated Gold Mines, 28s. Noon: Briseis Tin Mines, 16s 10½d; Broken Hill South, paid, 27s 3d. Later: Broken Hill Proprietary, 35s 9d; Mungana, 3s 10d; British Broken Hill, 11s 1½d; Cosmopolitan Proprietary, 31s; Woodlark Island, contributing, 10d. Afternoon: North Oriental and Glanmire, 4s 1d. Later: Briseis Tin Mine, 16s 7d.

The output of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited, for the four weeks ended 26th instant, including products from ores purchased, was:—Silver, 384,492oz. fine; soft lead, 507 tons; antimonial lead, 39 tons (estimated).

MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

Large quantities of tailings are being treated at the Pambula mines by the cyanide plant.

SOFALA, Thursday.

The City Bank sent by the monthly escort to-day 270oz. of gold.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

The Amalgamated Syndicate, Buddigower Tin Mines, is negotiating for working leases. The main shaft will start shortly to test the lode in the prospecting area.

THE COBAR GOLD MINES.

COBAR, Thursday.

The Cobar Gold Mines are applying for a three months' suspension.

INTER STATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Sales on 'Change to-day were:—Forenoon: Briseis, 16s 9d; North Queensland Tin, £19; Hannan's Oroya (colonial), 45s 6d; South Kalgurli (colonial), 41s; Associated (colonial), 28s 6d, 28s 3d; Associated Northern, 50s, 50s 8d, 50s 6d; Brown Hill Junction, 2½d; Great Boulder, 19s 7½d; Island Eureka, 9s 10d; Ivanhoe and Boulder Junction, 11d; Princess Royal, contributing, 17s 6d; Queen Margaret, 5s 10d; Queensland Menzies, 12s 1½d; Victory United, 1s 9d; Westralia Waihi, contributing, 1s. Noon: Broken Hill, 36s; Junction North, 1s 11½d, 1s 11d, 1s 10½d; Briseis, 16s 7½d; Hannan's Oroya, contributing, 45s 9d; Associated (London), 28s 3d; Associated, contributing, 28s 3d, 28s 4½d; Associated Northern, contributing, 50s 6d; Island Eureka, 9s 11d; Lake View Consols, 88s; Princess Royal, contributing, 17s; Princess Royal North, contributing, 2s 8d, 2s 9d, 2s 8d, 2s 9d; Princess Royal South, paid, 1s 5d; Queensland Menzies, paid, 12s 1½d; Victory United, 1s 8d; W.A. Waihi, paid, 2s 5d, 2s 6d; W.A. Waihi, contributing, 1s 2d.

Later.

Sales and quotations on 'Change to-day were:—Broken Hill, 36s, buyer 35s 9d, seller 36s 3d; British, old, 11s, buyer 10s 9d, seller 11s; ditto, new, 9s, 8s 11d, buyer 8s 11d, seller 9s; Block 10, buyer 45s 3d, seller 47s; Junctions, buyer 3s 7½d, seller 3s 9d; north, 12s 4½d, 12s 6d, buyer 12s 4½d, seller 12s 6d; south, paid, buyer 27s 6d, seller 28s; ditto, contributing, buyer 20s, seller 21s; South Blocks, paid, buyer 6s 9d, seller 7s; ditto, contributing, buyer 2s 10d, seller 3s; Junction North, 2s to 1s 10d, buyer 1s 9½d, seller 1s 10½d; Sulphide Preferential, buyer 18s 9d, seller 19s; ditto, ordinary, 11s 1½d, buyer 11s, seller 11s 1½d; Associated (London), 28s 3d to 27s 6d; ditto (colonial), 28s 6d to 27s 3d, buyer 27s, seller 27s 6d; ditto Northern (London), 50s; ditto (colonial), 59s 3d, 50s 6d, 50s 3d, buyer 50s 3d, seller 50s 6d; Chaffer's, buyer 4s 3d, seller 5s; Cosmopolitan, buyer 30s 6d, seller 31s; Cumberland, contributing, 1s 4½d, 1s 4d, buyer 1s 4d, seller 1s 4½d; Great Boulder, 19s 6½d, buyer 19s 6d, seller 19s 7½d; Boulder Main Reef, buyer 15s 9d, seller 16s 1½d; Boulder Perseverance, buyer £11 2s; Hannan's Central Extended, 1s 10d, buyer 1s 10d, seller 1s 11d; Hainault, buyer 9s 11d, seller 10s; Hannan's Oroya, 46s 6d, 45s 9d, buyer 45s 9d, seller 46s; Island Eureka, 9s 10d, 10s, 9s 11d, buyer 9s 10d, seller 9s 11d; Ivanhoe, buyer £7 12s, seller £7 14s; ditto Junction, 1s 10d, buyer 1s 10d, seller 2s; Lake View Consols, buyer 85s, seller 88s; Princess Royal, contributing, 17s 6d, 17s, 16s 6d, buyer 16s 3d, seller 17s; Princess Royal North, paid, 3s 8d, 3s 7½d, buyer 3s 7d, seller 3s 8d; ditto, contributing, 2s 10d, 2s 8d, 2s 9d, buyer 2s 8d, seller 2s 9½d; ditto South, paid, 1s 5d; Queen Margaret, 5s 10d, 5s 11d, buyer 5s 10d, seller 5s 11d; ditto, Central, 1s 5½, buyer 1s 5½d, seller 1s 6½d; Queensland Menzies, 12s 1½d, buyer 12s, seller 12s 4½d; South Kalgurli, 41s, 41s 6d, buyer 41s 3d, seller 41s 9d; Westralia Waihi (paid), 2s 5d, 2s 6d, buyer 2s 3d, seller 2s 8d; ditto, contributing, 1s 2d; Victory United, 1s 9d, 1s 8d, buyer 1s 7½d, seller 1s 8½d; Chillagoe, 4s 4½d, buyer 4s 3d, seller 4s 6d; Mount Garnet Freehold, 24s, buyer 23s 6d, seller 24s; Mungana, buyer 3s 4d, seller 3s 10d; Wallaroo, 18s 1½d, 18s, buyer 18s, seller 18s 1½d; North Queensland Tin, £19, £19 10s, buyer £19, seller £20; Briseis, 16s 9d, [illegible] seller 16s 9d; [illegible]

BALLARAT, Thursday.

Sales on 'Change to-day were: [illegible] Extended, 4[illegible] South, 8s; [illegible] Glenline North [illegible] Chance, 4s 9d [illegible] Thought Of, [illegible] Moonambell, [illegible] Woah Hawp, [illegible] 3s 9d; Sons of Freedom [illegible] Hill and Central, [illegible] 17s 3d; Staffordshire Reef, [illegible] 8s 7½d, 8s 4½d.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

Sales on 'Change to-day were: [illegible] 6d (25); [illegible] Horwood and [illegible] port, 2s 6d [illegible] Mungo, 1s.

On 'Change [illegible]

BRISBANE, Thursday.

[illegible]

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

The following sales were recorded on 'Change to-day:—Bonnie Dundee, [illegible] Extended, [illegible] contributing, [illegible] Victoria Caledonia, [illegible] Day Dawn Block, [illegible]

GYMPIE, Thursday.

On 'Change to-day the following sales were reported:—Glanmire [illegible] 5½d; North Oriental [illegible] Oriental Extended, [illegible] Quotations: [illegible] field, buyer [illegible] Columbia and [illegible] South Glanmire and Monkland, buyer 31s 9d, seller 34s; Glanmire and Monkland Tributes, buyer 5½d, seller 5¾d; No. 1 South Gympie Gold Mines, buyer 2s 2d, seller 2s 4d; Oriental Surprise, buyer 5d, seller 8d; No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire, buyer 20s 6d, seller 23s 6d; No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire, buyer 2s 1d, seller 2s 6d; North Oriental and Glanmire, buyer 4s 3d, seller 4s 9d; Oriental Extended, paid, buyer 2s 11d, seller 3s 8d; Oriental Extended, contributing, buyer 2s 6½d, seller 2s 7d; East Oriental and Glanmire, contributing, buyer 6s, seller 9s 3d; Oriental and Col. Consols, contributing, buyer 6d, seller 1s; Phoenix Eastern Tributes, buyer 1s 9d, seller 2s; Eastern Smithfield Tributes, buyer 7d, seller 10½d; No. 2 Victory, seller 1s 7d.

HOBART, Thursday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—Hercules, 5s 1½d, 5s; North Lyell, 33s 5d. Quotations:—North Farrell, buyer 4s 2d; Mount Bischoff, buyer £36 15s, seller £37 2s 6d; Briseis, buyer 16s.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

The stock quotations on 'Change to-day were:—Tasmanian Mines, buyer £7 5s, seller £7 7s; New Pinafore, buyer 11d, seller 1s 2d; Silver King, buyer £5; Hercules, buyer 4s; seller 4s 10d; Mount Lyell, buyer 80s, seller 85s; North Farrell, buyer 4s, seller 4s 6d; Mount Bischoff, buyer £36 10s, seller £37.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On 'Change to-day business in mining shares comprised sales as follows:—Broken Hill Block 10, 45s 3d, 45s; Broken Hill Proprietary, 36s 6d, 36s; South Broken, paid, 27s 9d, 27s 3d; South Blocks, 4s; ditto, paid, 7s; Curtin and Davis, 9d, 9½d; Mount Lyell, 81s 6d; Mount Lyell Blocks, 2s 4d; North Mount Lyell, 33s, 32s 9d; Tasman and Crown Extended, 5½d, 6d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 4s 6d; Briseis, 16s 10½d, 16s 9d, 17s; Brothers' Home No. 1, 4s 8d, 4s 10d; Ironsides North, 11d; Phillip's River, options, 70s; Glenline South, 41s; Long Tunnel Extended, £8 11s, £8 12s; Long Tunnel North, 7s 9d; New Loch Fyne, 8s 6d; Patriotic Prospecting, £7; South German Extended, 5s; Band and Loch, 2s 3d; Berry United, 3s 3d, 3s 2d; Berry Extended, 39s 9d, 40s 6d; Cassilis, 25s, 24s; Duke United, 17s 6d, 17s 3d; Duke of York, 1s 6d; Lord Nelson, 66s; Main Leads, 4s; ditto, paid, 4s 4½d; Sons of Freedom Extended, 11d; Spring Hill Leads, 41s, 42s; Star of East, 17s 9d, 17s 3d; Victor's Quartz, 14s.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Brilliant Central, 950 tons for 1021oz.

Victoria and Caledonia Block, 298 tons for 528oz.

Eastern Smithfield tributes, 12 tons for 165oz. retorted gold. Silver to come.

DIVIDENDS.

Brilliant Central, 1s 3d per share, payable on March 14.

Queen Cross Reef, 9d per share, payable March 7.

Victoria and Caledonia Block, 6d per share on March 5.

Mount Lyell, 1s 6d, Wednesday, April 2.

Day Dawn Block and Wyndham, 6d.

REPORTS.

The manager of the Golden Bar Gold-mining Company, No Liability, reported for the fortnight ended 19th instant:—Cyanide: Have cleaned up 800 tons of sand and slimes after four weeks' run for a return of 50oz. 17dwt. gold, valued at £210. Crushing has been fairly brisk, having crushed for the public 124 tons, and are now engaged on three other parcels. Sale of salt water has decreased lately owing to the late rains and to the Government cleansers closing down. Everything connected with the mine running well.

The Ovens Valley Gold-dredging Company, No Liability.—The extraordinary general meeting of the Ovens Valley Gold-dredging Company, No Liability, called yesterday for the purpose of considering the position of the company, lapsed for want of a quorum, but an overwhelming number of proxies were handed in against the proposition to sell the dredge, and steps are now being taken to consult the shareholders re the removal of the plant to a better lease.

The manager of the King Conrad Silver and Lead Mining Company reported on the 21st instant:—The first level north-west extended 12ft.; lode 15in.; shot lode down for 20ft. in length, 7ft. high, for 28 tons good ore. Level going towards 7A winze extended 12ft., 13ft. high; shot lode down last night about 30 tons; lode 18in., good ore. No. 3 level north-west driven 25ft.; lode not broken down; south-east driven 19ft., lode not broken down. Concentrating plant working well.

The manager of the Queensland Silver Lead Mines, Limited, reported on the 25th instant:—Silver King: E. shaft now down on the underlay in good ore, 96ft. Silver King North: Shaft down 149ft. vertical. At 130ft. level the crosscut to the west is now in 43ft. in low-grade ore, good defined foot-wall. A drive has been started south along the lode at 130ft. level, and the sinking of the shaft will be proceeded with. Thirteen miners have lately been despatched from Sydney, and should now be on the mines, and six more have gone from the Cloncurry.

The manager of the Cobar Chesney Copper and Gold Mining Company, No Liability, reports that on the 380ft. level they have sunk the winze 10ft. with ore full width of winze, average grade about 3 per cent. copper. Rise from same level to 20ft. Level heightened 10ft. Ore body identical in character and value to that in winze. At 280ft. level, the rise from this level to No. 1 is up 18ft., ore body full width of rise, viz., 7ft. to 8ft. of a mixed character, good grade. No. 1 level west crosscut extended to a total of 22ft. in good working country.

The manager of the Mount Garnet Freehold Copper and Silver Mining Company, Limited, North Queensland, reports on the 10th instant:—Main shaft, 150ft. level: No. 1 drive advanced 10ft., total 23ft.; ore continues to improve as we advance north. Potter's shaft, 84ft. level, advanced 11ft., total 57ft.; raised and sent to smelters 1161 tons sulphide ore and 525 tons oxidised ore at usual value. Railway construction, month ended January: Earthworks [illegible]

TENTERFIELD TO CASINO RAILWAY.

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held yesterday, when the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Tenterfield to Casino was further considered. Technical evidence was given by Mr. H. Deane, Engineer-in-Chief, Railway Construction Branch, Department of Public Works. [illegible] chains; estimated cost, £347,805; average per mile, £9974. Total length, 87 miles 1 chain; estimated cost, £1,094,870; average per mile, £12,585. The cost of the Casino railway station was not included in the estimate. Mr. Hugh McLachlan, secretary to the Railway Commissioners, said that the Commissioners were totally opposed to the construction of the line. The committee meet at 10 o'clock this morning, and the members will leave this evening to proceed north, with the view of taking the evidence of local witnesses in connection with this inquiry, and also that in relation to the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.

VITAL STATISTICS OF NEWCASTLE.

In the report of the Government Statistician on the vital statistics of Newcastle district for the year 1901 it is stated that during the year 1738 children were born, or at the rate of 34·51 per 1000 of the population. The deaths during the same period numbered 742, or 13·45 per 1000 of the population. Of the 742 persons who died, 272, or 37 per cent., were under 5 years of age; and 202, or 27 per cent., were less than one year old. The infantile mortality (under one year of age) was 12 per cent. of the births for the year. The marriages during the year numbered 591, of which 99 took place at registrars' offices. The minors married comprised 40 males and 190 females, or 6·8 per cent. and 32.1 per cent. respectively of the total.

Zymotic diseases caused 86 deaths, or 12 per cent. of the death list. The main causes were: Typhoid, 28; whooping cough, 17; influenza, 12. From constitutional diseases there were 116 deaths, or 16 per cent. of the whole list, the main causes being: Phthisis, 46; cancer, 32; tabes mesenterica, 18. The deaths from phthisis comprise 6 per cent. of all deaths. Developmental diseases produced 60 deaths. In the class local diseases 379 deaths were recorded, or 51 per cent. of the death list. Of the subdivisions of this class, diseases of the nervous system contributed 82 deaths (apoplexy 25, convulsions 11, inflammation of the brain or of its membranes 10, epilepsy 9); of the circulatory system, 64 (endocarditis 21, heart disease undefined 19, syncope 9); of the digestive system, 98 (enteritis 49); Bright's disease, 25; diseases of the respiratory system claimed 94 deaths, the chief complaints being: Pneumonia, 62; bronchitis, 19. The deaths from pneumonia comprise 8 per cent. of all deaths.

According to the returns of the Health Department, there were 281 cases of typhoid and 31 of diphtheria reported during the year, resulting in the death of 26 and 7 persons respectively. These figures represent a fatality rate of 9·2 per cent. for typhoid and 22·6 per cent. for diphtheria.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

A. TRAVERSI and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Japanese Blinds, Toilet Sets, Tea Sets, &c.

J. R. LAWSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Pianofortes, Glass, China Services, Oil Paintings, &c.

A. G. JENKINS.—At Experiment-street, Pyrmont, at 10, Furniture, &c.; at 118 George-street West, at 11, Furniture, Sewing Machine, Crockery, Tea Set, &c.

J. F. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.; at 3, Jewellery, &c.

DALWOOD and CO.—At Wyoming, 303 Cleveland-street, Redfern, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Toiletware, Bookcases, &c.

J. COWAN.—At the rear of the Darling Point Hotel, Rushcutter Bay, at 11, Galvanised Iron, &c.

H. LEVY.—At 135 Regent-street, at 2, Furniture, Fancy Goods, Clothing, &c.

J. G. FLEMING and SONS.—At 85 George-street West, at 11, Fittings of Hairdressing Saloon, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2, Furniture, Clothing, &c.

BRODRIBB and CO.—At 689 George-street, Haymarket, at 2.30, Furniture, Pianos, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At Macquarie-place, at 11, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, and CO.—At 11, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10.30, Tallow; at 1, Hides.

G. H. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 11, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY.—At 11, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

C. J. TURNER.—At his Rooms, Poultry Farm Exchange, at 1.30, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Salerooms, Thomas-street, Haymarket, Fancy Pigeons.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Saleyards, at 1, Vealers, Pigs, Butter, Eggs, &c.

H. ARNOLD HOLA and CO.—At the North Sydney Saleyards, St Leonards, at 2, Chaff, Poultry, &c.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At Eulalia Nursery, Queen's-court, from 1 till 3, Ferns, Orchids, Pot Plants, &c.

Robert Little and Co.—Hay, Chaff, Produce Auctions, Redfern, daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

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"Native" contributes to this week's "Sydney Mail" an interesting illustrated article on the Clarence River Harbour Works.—Advt.

The Search for a Capital.—This week's "Sydney Mail" contains many interesting illustrations of the Senatorial visit to the Monaro District.—Advt.

Funerals.

MACPHERSON.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. E. M. MACPHERSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Cecil, which will move from her residence, 32 Addison-street, Balmain North, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock punctually, for the Necropolis.
WOOD and COMPANY,
Telephone, 726, &c. Funeral Directors.

BAIKIE.—The Friends of Mr. ALEXANDER BAIKIE, late of Rockdale, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Rachael; to move from Prince Alfred Hospital, THIS FRIDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for the Mortuary Station, thence to the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers,
7 Elizabeth-st., city; 113 Miller-st., N. Syd. Tel., 875.

RUDDY.—The Friends of the late Mrs. HANNAH RUDDY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her son's residence, 52 Cheltenham-street, Glebe, THIS FRIDAY, at 1.20, to the Necropolis, per train.
T. DIXON, Undertaker, 23 Oxford-street, and 204 George-street West. Tel., 185.

DRUITT.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. CHARLOTTE J. DRUITT will leave her son-in-law's residence, Eastwell, Old South Head-road, Waverley, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Camperdown Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA, Funeral Director,
Tel., 901. 765 George-street, city.

CRAIGEN.—The remains of the late WILLIAM CRAIGEN will be interred in the Roman Catholic portion Rookwood Cemetery, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, train leaving Mortuary station at 2.28.
REUBEN W. THOMAS, Undertaker,
Tel., 1734. 67 King-street.

M'GAURR.—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mr. WILLIAM M'GAURR are kindly informed that his Funeral will leave his late residence, Q.C.P., Corunna-road, Petersham, TO-MORROW (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter to 2 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Stanmore station. No flowers (by request).
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Meetings.

PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General MEETING of the Governors and Subscribers will be held on FRIDAY, March 14th, at the Hospital, Missenden-road, Camperdown, at 4 p.m.
His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor will preside.

Business:
- To receive the report of the Directors for the year 1901.
- To receive the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the past year.
- To Elect Directors in the room of the following gentlemen, who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election, and have given notice of their willingness to serve if elected:—
  - Dr. JOHN HAY
  - JOHN F. HOARE, Esq.
  - Hon. G. E. KATER
  - JOHN KEEP, Esq.
- Also to Fill the Vacancy on the Board caused by the retirement of Senator J. T. WALKER, for which Mr. M. GOTTHELF has given the requisite intimation of his candidature.
- To transact any other business of which notice has been given.

At the conclusion of the General Business Miss DARLEY will distribute the prizes to the Nurses of the Prince Alfred Hospital Training School.
The Subscribers and Public are requested to attend.
WILLIAM EPPS,
Secretary.
Camperdown, February 26, 1902.

BOROUGH OF BALMAIN.
SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS.
A MEETING of Ladies and Gentlemen interested in the Sanitary Condition of the Borough will be held in the Committee-room, Town Hall, Balmain, at 8 p.m., THIS DAY, February 28th, to inspect and discuss an efficient means of disposing of Household and other Garbage.
All residents are invited to attend.

LITERARY and DEBATING SOCIETY in connection with Sydney Y.M.C.A.—Opening MEETING TO-NIGHT, Friday, 7.45. Debate, "Anglo-Japanese Treaty."
ERNEST BOSCH, Hon. Sec.

PASTRYCOOKS' EMPLOYEES.—A MEETING will be held at the Trades' Hall, on SATURDAY NEXT, March 1st, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of forming a Union.
JOHN JURY, Convener.

MEMBERS Grange Institution invited attend opening new Lodge to-night, 8, Enfield Hall, Liverpool-rd.

SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN MUTUAL PERMANENT BUILDING AND LAND INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twentieth Annual Ordinary General MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Long Room, Mercantile Mutual-chambers, 118 Pitt-street, Sydney, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock.
Business of the Meeting:
- To receive the Report and Balance-sheet for the financial year ended 31st January, 1902.
- To elect two Directors in the place of Dr. A. H. Nash and Mr. Josiah Mullens, who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, and have given the required notice that they are candidates for the office.
- To elect two Auditors; and
- To transact such other business of which due notice shall have been given.

By order of the Board.
THOMAS DAVIS,
Manager.

NORTH NYMAGEE COPPER-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ninth Half-yearly General MEETING of the Company will be held at 2.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, 28th February, 1902, at the Company's Office, No. 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, to receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the half-year ended December 31st last, and to transact general business.
By order of the Board.
LEONARD DODDS, Manager.
Sydney, February 7th, 1902.

Tenders.

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BOROUGH OF ERSKINEVILLE.
TENDERS are called up to 7.30 p.m., 1st March, 1902, for REMOVAL of HOUSE REFUSE and GUTTER SWEEPINGS, CARTAGE, &c.
Specifications may be seen at Council-chambers.
Erskineville, 27th February, 1902.

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TENDERS are invited for Thirty Loads of Ballast delivered to
FARMERS' CO-OP. CO., Ltd.,
Sussex and Liverpool streets.

TENDER for Laying 4000 Bricks, more or less, straight wall. After 5 p.m., 60 Reservoir-st., Belmore Park.

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Lost and Found.

A LADY'S GOLD WATCH LOST, supposed on tram between Botanical Gardens and Ultimo power-house, case studded with rubies. Liberal Reward for return of same to J. R., c.o. U. S. Glass Coy., Commerce-buildings, Ash-street, behind the Equitable Life Ins. Coy.'s buildings.

LOST, a Masonic Pendant, Tuesday night, name engraved. Reward. 53 Ann-st., Surry Hills.

LOST, between Union Company's Wharf and Railway, Green Cloth BAG. Reward. 225 Elizabeth-st.

LOST, in Domain, Lady's UMBRELLA, white handle, gilt top. Reward at Kiosk, near Art Gallery.

LOST, City Mut. Rec. Book and Rec. of Life Pol., betw. Balm.-rd., N'town Br. Sinclair, Huntley-st., Alxdra.

LOST, Turquoise-and-Pearl Photo Locket, cont. photos, Randwick, Syd. Rewd. Farmer and Co., 30 Hunter-st.

LOST, Spectacles, on Stanmore Station, or in train to Homebush, 2s 6d reward. E. Bushby, agent, M'kville.

LOST, Galah PARROT, good talker, few weeks ago. Apply 21 Billyard-avenue, Elizabeth Bay.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LADY'S HANDBAG LOST, with purse inside containing money, in Cemetery, or on the way to Robin Hood Hotel; reward. Apply at
Robin Hood Hotel, Waverley.

LOST, Bay Draught HORSE, brand R.I. near shoulder; also Chestnut MARE, half draught, slightly Roman nose, blotch brand. Reward, 15s each. Apply
A. ROBIN, Oberon-street, Randwick.

LOST, Sable Collie DOG from Wolseley-road, Point Piper.
Finder will be rewarded on bringing same back to
Santa Clara, Wolseley-road.

LOST, Wednesday, 26th, between Elizabeth Bay and Roslyn-street, a Bunch of Gold CHARMS, Scissors, Thimble, &c. Apply
110 Elizabeth Bay Point.

LOST, yesterday afternoon, black silk Knitted BAG containing purse, fan, and handkerchief. Please inform Stationmaster, Arncliffe.
Reward.

REWARD.—Left in tram on Sunday, BAG containing [illegible]. Apply Engine-room, Victoria Arcade.

REWARD.—LOST, Sable-and-White Collie DOG. 4 Moore Park-terrace, Regent-st., Paddington.

STOLEN, Tuesday night, from Y.M.C.A., gent.'s BICYCLE, [illegible]; information, rew. 14 Q.V. Mkts.

UMBRELLA LOST, ladies' bath, Coogee. Reward on returning to Mrs. Wylie, bath.

FOUND, on 9th instant, in [illegible], Chatswood, PURSE containing money. Chatswood Police Stn.

FOUND, Cable BROOCH, with [illegible], in G.P.O. Apply 142 Walker-st., North Sydney.

Bicycles Wanted and for Sale.

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COMPLIMENTARY PICNIC to President Tailoresses' Union, Mr. H. E. HOLLAND, held at Coogee Aquarium, March 1. Tickets 1s, obtained at door. Tailoresses requested to attend. Mrs. F. ROBINSON, Secretary.

CUTTERS.—Smart IMPROVER, used to knife, good wages.
BRASCH and CARTER, Clothing Manufacturers,
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FIRST-CLASS CUTTER and CURER for Manning River Co.-operative Dairy Company's Bacon Factory, must be thoroughly up-to-date, and able to turn out first-class bacon, supply from 100 to 150 pigs per week. Applications held strictly confidential if required. Apply up to 17th March, stating salary required per month, or for further particulars to
ROBERT MALCOLM,
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GENTLEMAN of long experience in Queensland desires to secure Agencies from gd. houses. Agency, Hld.

GOV. (Presb.), Eng., music, singing, 3 pupils, £40 to £45, Riverina, int. 12 sharp; Gov. (R.C.), music, paint, sing., £40, W. line; Sisters (C.E.), L. Help and N. Gov., £46, New Eng. WILTON, 29 Elizabeth-street.

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BRYAN LYNN, Secretary,
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PASTRYCOOKS, Improvers, and a good Hand for fancy work, g. wgs., board. Abel and Co., factory, N'town.

PLASTERER wanted, for a small job. Apply at once, J. O'Donnell, Railway avenue, Sydenham.

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PARTNER wanted, £200, extension good paying business, established 16 years, profits start at once, no previous knowledge required. Rare chance, good man soon make a fortune, and easy. B. Medical, G.P.O.

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RESPECTABLE GIRLS wanted for our packing-room. Apply early, Hardman's Biscuit Factory, Newtown.

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SYDNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the undersigned until noon of THURSDAY, the 13th of March proximo, from Gentlemen qualified to fill either of the undermentioned Positions under the Municipal Council of Sydney, at the salaries named respectively (payable monthly):—
INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES, £400 per annum.
(Must be a qualified Sanitary Inspector.)
CHIEF ENGINEER (Mechanical), £240 per annum.

Further particulars if necessary may be obtained at the Town Hall.
THOMAS H. NESBITT,
Town Clerk.

TAILORESSES.—Wanted, 1st-class Trous. Machinists; also Imps. to trous. mach. Selig and Co., 407 Kent-st.

TAILORESSES, Machinists, &c., can earn over £1 per week. Send address X Ray, Herald.

TAILORS.—Wanted, first-class COATMAKERS. Apply Cohen and Sons, Eden's-buildings, George-st.

TO BUTCHERS.—YOUTH, for orders and shop, sleep out. Bosworth, 74 Palace-st., Petersham.

TO BUTCHERS.—Wanted, smart MAN, for Saturday. The Davis Butchering Co., Newtown.

TO GROCERS.—Wanted, smart Junior, well experienced. R. Hahn, 67 Alfred-st., North Sydney.

TO TAILORS.—Wanted, TROUSERS HANDS. 46 Wynyard-square.

TROUSERS HANDS wanted, must be good, permanent to good hands. 29 George-st. West.

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WANTED, Competent ASSAYER to take charge of the Assay Office at Broken Hill.

Applicants to state age, qualifications, and salary required to the undersigned, on or before the 12th March.
JOHN BRANDON, Secretary,
47 Queen-street, Melbourne.

THE Committee of the Charters Towers Technical College invite APPLICATIONS for the Position of ASSISTANT MASTER in the Day and Evening Classes attached to that institution. Applicants must be competent to teach the Sciences and Drawing to senior standards, and Elementary Classes and Mathematics. Hours of work, 9.30 to 4 p.m.; two nights a week from 7.30 to 9; and two afternoons after 4 o'clock to be devoted to sports.
Salary, £175 per annum.
Copies of references and of testimonials showing experience will be required.
All applications must be in my hands not later than the 16th March.
JAMES THORNTON,
Secretary.

VERGER wanted for St. Luke's Church of England, Concord. For particulars of duties, &c., apply to
Mr. WILLIAM COLES,
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WANTED, 2 Machinists, used to tent work; also Lad, const. work. The Hardie Co., 131-133 Devonshire-st.

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WANTED, resp. YOUTH, for drapery. Fraser and Hughes, 167 Oxford-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, a smart LAD, for tailor's shop. E. Thorne, Newtown Bridge.

WANTED, young Man as Grocer's Assistant, understands horses. T. Jeseon, 221 Darling-st., Balmain.

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WANTED, for subn. school, visiting Master, b'keeping and s'hand. Ap. letter, Master, 105 Victoria Mkts.

WANTED, JOINER for sashes. H. Marshall, at Mr. Lawers, back Council-chambers, Enfield.

WANTED, good NEEDLEGIRL to learn mil.-making. Mrs. Lloyd, 61 Carabella-st., Milson's Pt.

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WANTED, PASTRYCOOK, male or female. Apply early, the Oxford Dining Rooms, 55 Castlereagh-st.

WANTED, young Girl as CASHIER. By letter, Boot Warehouse, Post-office, Haymarket.

WANTED, Factory BOY, used to packing and labelling. 69 George-st. West.

WANTED, a LAD, just leaving school preferred, for office. M. A., Pyrmont P.O.

WANTED, two MACHINISTS, for tents. Apply S. Walder, 286 Pitt-st., city.

WANTED, GIRLS to operate shirt machines. West End Steam Laundry, 112 Bay-st., Glebe.

WANTED, strong LAD for grocer's shop, wages 8s. 59 Church-st., Camperdown.

WANTED, smart Junior CLERK, knowledge Customs work. Box 21, King-st. P.O.

WANTED, 3 Rivet-heaters and 4 Pass Boys, at once. John M'Cormick and Son, new Pyrmont Bridge.

WANTED for Wholesale Fancy Trade, YOUTH, with exp., refs. State partics., Box 815, G.P.O.

WANTED, Youth, learn use gas, oil engines; situation found when compt. Sat., 9 to 10, Morrison, Hay-st.

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WANTED, first-class Hairdressing, Tobac. SALOON, central, no resid.; no agents. Hairdress, Herald.

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WANTED, smart respectable BOY. American Shoe Co., 416 George-st.

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WANTED, a BOY for office and store, wages 5s. Apply Z. Z., Herald Office.

WANTED, an intelligent YOUTH for office, must have experience. Apply 10.30, 249 Clarence-st.

WANTED, two Canvassers for Wade's Disinfector Co., gd. add., exp. 10, 3 Australian-ch., Rowe-st.

WANTED, ctry., gd. Coach, Gen. Blacksmith, Sat., 10 to 11. Wm. Atkins and Co., 451 Kent-st.

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WANTED, TAILORESS for country, elderly lady preferred. Wiseman Bros., 72 Clarence-st.

WANTED, 50,000 Citizens buy Suits to measure, 21s, HAND-MADE. Ell, 202 King-st., Newtown.

WANTED, LAD, ironmongery store in town, some knowledge of the trade necessary. Box 446, G.P.O.

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WANTED, Competent LADY to take charge Millinery Sale, Leichhardt Branch. Apply
C. G. HATTE,
Newtown.

WANTED, Competent WINDOW-DRESSER. Apply
C. G. HATTE,
Newtown.

WANTED, Practical ENGINEER to take charge of machinery, refrigerators, and refrigerating plant in connection with the Ulmarra Butter Factory, Clarence River. State salary required. Applications must be in hands of undersigned not later than 10th March. Further particulars can be obtained from
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BY elderly Gardener, useful, wages from 8s to 11s, can milk. J. M. T., Ultimo Post-office, Harris-st.

BY good all-round man, plough, garden, milk, understand fruit trees, ref. L. A., Herald, King-st.

BY a good, reliable man, garden, flowers, and vegetable, good reference. P. P. M., Herald, King-st.

BY active, tidy, middle-aged General, cooks, washes well, 8s, refs., please call. 55 Darlington-rd.

BY middle-aged Married Man, SITUATION, Caretaker, town, country, references. Apply
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COUNTRY Girls (2), ck. and l., h. and p. m., like same house. At Miss Nisbet's, 38 Elizabeth-st., 11.30.

CLERKSHIP.—SITUATION wanted by an experienced bookkeeper and general office clerk, first-class testimonials.
G. HISCOTT, 28 Nithsdale-street, Hyde Park.

COMP. y. Eng. ship Steward, also Caretaker, Watchman, had years' exp. as wardsman in hospitals and other institutions throughout the colonies, will Engage for any of the above; excel. ref. ALF, Herald.

ENERGETIC young Man, mar., Bookkeeper and Auctioneer, wants Mang. Country Store or Business, ex. references, open 14 days.
Storekeeper, Herald Office.

FIRST-CLASS Cook, gd. ref.; 2 first-class H.M'ds, refs. Exchange, 2 first floor, Victoria Arcade.

GENERAL, good plain cook, no small children or heavy washing; personal ref.; 10s. Apply by letter,
Lauriston,
Ryde.

HAIRDRESSER, compt., seeks Engage., town, ctry., good refs., take medium wage. G. L., Gladesville P.O.

HOUSEKEEPER.—Young Lady, leaving sit. Tuesday, like Re-eng., exp., small fam. V. 21, Herald.

NO Salary.—Yg. Lady wishes to travel, would give services, any capacity, musical. Nancy, St. Peters P.O.

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PRACTICAL Farmer, Bookkeeper, 28, mar., Mang. small Station or Farm, open 14 days.
Farmer,
Herald Office.

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TWO young GIRLS would like place in gent's. family as Cook and House and P. Maid, little ironing not objected to, 2 years' refs. from last sit., open 3 days.
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WANTED, SIT., Lady Help, in adult fam., all duties except shirts. State salary, Z. G. H., Herald.

WANTED, by resp. married woman, Washing, Ironing, bed'g, shirts 3d, col. 1d. M. K., 24 Wetherell-st., Lhdt.

WANTED, by M.C., wife cook, man boots, gen. useful, hotel pref., city or c'try, refs. Fido, P.O., Wm.-st.

WANTED, by resp. Widow, offices to clean, or general, sleep home. Apply 263 Albion-st., S. H.

WANTED, SITUATION by young Tutor, high references, £40 per year. Apply H., Herald Office.

WANTED by resp. young person, SIT. as light General, wages 12s. M. B., 140 Princes-st., city.

WIDOW with boy 9 years req. a PLACE as W. Housekeeper. M. D., Newtown P.O.

WANTED, by yg. Man, SIT. as assistant barman, and gen. useful, gd. ref. Apply H. P., Herald.

WANTED, by young Gentleman, age 21, temporary Position as CLERK or BOOKKEEPER, on station, 5 years exp. in general office, state salary given.
G. A., 292 Herald Office.

WANTED, by practical Jobbing Printer, SITUATION at case or working foreman, many years' experience as master printer and stationer.
Hustler, Herald Office, Sydney.

YOUNG Man, 28, used to horses, temperate, wants SITUATION Driver, refs. Temperate, Herald Office.

YOUTH requires SITUATION, Junr. or Invoice Clerk. Open 2 days. Apply L. F., Herald, King-st.

Y. L. like POSITION as Help, all duties, ref., Newtown pref. Leslie, William-st. P.O.

YOUNG Woman seeks SIT. as cook, per. refs. C. V., South Leichhardt P.O.

Servants Wanted.

A COMP. Domestic HELP, North Sydney, small fam., meet Lady 11.30. Miss Blair, 117 Strand.

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